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This copy of the minutes of the FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH has been made in order that interested persons might learn the facts of the history of the church without the use of the original records, which are to be placed in a fire proof building. An effort has been made to keep the original spelling and punctuation. All notes and writings have been copied that were written on the cover, flyleaf and other odd places and so stated in the copy. Because of the similarity in the old writing of J and I, the secretary's name has been listed on pages 4, 5 and 6 as J. Peterson, which is not correct as the name of the secretary was Isham Peterson.

The statement on page 61, that the church was organized in 1833 is incorrectly stated. See page 69. We are indebted to the late Rev. J. Marcus Kester for this correction.

It is interesting to note that the church building used by the Baptist congregation in 1826, is still standing on Front Street, a remodeled dwelling house.

Wilmington, North Carolina

March 25, 1964

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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We whose names are hereunto subscribed being now assembled in the Baptist Meeting House in the Town of Wilmington, N. C. and being Baptized on a profession of repentance towards God, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ do hereby on this the thirteenth of April in the Year of our Lord One thousand Eight Hundred and thirty three, most solemnly agree among ourselves to become a regular independent constituted Church of our Lord do now give ourselves to each other and request our brethren in the Christian ministry who are now present with us to witness this our solemn engagement to admonish us with respect to our duties and privileges in this the second relation and commend us to God and the word of his grace which is able to build us up and to give us an inheritance among all them that are Sanctified.

The Church Covenant

For as much as it has pleased God Almighty to turn us from darkness to light and to unite us in one Body by the Blood of his Cross; For as much as in his providence he has fixed the bounds of our habitation, that our local relations to each other invites us to unite together for our mutual benefit, and for the advancement of his cause; we therefore unitedly give up ourselves to the Lord and to one another according to his will, in Church fellowship. We do Covenant and agree to take the Bible and the Bible only, as the most clear comprehensive and perfect rule, in Doctrinal Experimental and Practical Religion, as the most Safe and only infalible Rule by which to regulate our principles, tempers and whole behaviour. We agree next to the honour and glory of God that we will seek the wellfare of the Church of our Saviour; and particularly that branch of it to which we ourselves belong.

That we will pray for the peace of Jerusalem, that peace may be within her walls and prosperity within her palaces;- we will not forsake the assembling of our selves together, nor grow sleep nor slumber to our eyes to the neglect of the sacred place where two or three meet together to pray and read and sing in the name of the Lord. We will love the place where his honor dwelleth and will never forsake the Houses of his abode.

We will submit to the order and discipline of the Church according to the doctrine Example, and admonitions of our Lord, Ambassadors or Appostles to the Church in pure and primitive times. We will employ our talents and our substances according to our ability for the benefit of the Church with which we are covenanted for the cause of God in general - We will regard the Table of the Lord as sacred to the memory of his unmerited love, his painful and accursed death and his attoning sacrifice for a lost world. We will regard it to provoke one another to love and to good work. - In dependence on divine aid we resolve and agree to love one another in the Lord. to follow after things that make for our peace, and whereby one may edify or build up another, to speak no evil one of another, to watch over one another, not from evil surmisings, but from faithful affection, from Christian love, not to find fault, not to wound but to heal, not to kill but to cure, to reprove if needbe in the most tender manner with the sole view of alluring the mind to right reflections and of regaining the heart to its first love - to correct public transgressions only with public rebuke - to observe most cautiously, and most unfailingly for all private and personal offenses the rule given in Matthew 18 Ch. 15-16-17 verses which rule every member of a gospel church ought by memory to know. - To avoid all tattling, tale bearing, whispering, backbiting, and publishing the faults of each

other or surmising evil, thus happily evincing to the world, that we are a bond of brothers, and that we stand fast in the spirit; and with one mind striving together for the Faith of the gospel and that a constituted Church of Christ "is a garden enclosed, a spring shut up, a fountain sealed." To this Covenant and agreement in dependence on divine aid we subscribe our unworthy names.

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(Note: The remainder of the page is torn off and no names showing. Several pages are torn out and the minutes begin on page 35 of the old Book.)

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The Church met in Conference (31st Decr 1836) which was opened in prayer by the moderator - A door being opened for reception of members, Sister Ward presented her letter from the Baptist Church, Oliver St., New York. She was unanimously received.

Brethren French, Costin, Sholar, Bryan, Thally, & Hewlett was appointed a committee to ascertain the probable cost of repairing our meeting house & to devise the cheapest and most commodious plan of repairs. The committee was instructed to meet in the meeting house one week from the following Tuesday to confer together in reference to the above business.

Closed by prayer &c

G. R. French Clk

The Church met Feby 4th 1837, the Rev. Mr. Hawly being called to the chair. Conf. was organized with song, prayer &c. The Covenant read and unfinished business taken up. The Committee on repairs reported. Report received. The committee stated that they had called on Messrs C. C. Stow and R. W. Brown to assist them in determining the best method of repairs &c, but that they had arrived at nothing definite in the matter.

A door being opened for reception of members Mrs. Gerard presented herself - related her experiences, and was received. Sister Burton was received into the fellowship with this church.

Br. McDaniel (from Fayetteville) addressed the meeting in a most acceptable and happy manner. The committee on repairs was requested to ascertain whether a minister could be obtained and to report to the Church.

Closed by prayer &c.

G. R. French Clk

The Church met in Conference May 28th 1838. Conference organized with prayer by Rev Jas McDaniel, the Rev. Mr. Culpepper chairman. The

covenant read - the door for membership opened - the business of the Church disposed of, when the Conference was closed by prayer &c.

G. R. French Clk

June 7th 1838

The Church met in Conference which was organized as usual. Bro. Bryan chairman. Covenant was read and the door for membership opened.

The Church desirous of obtaining a pastor, Bro Tinsly of Danville, Va. was proposed and unanimously called to the Pastorate charge of the Church.

A letter was read by Bro French which was recd. from bro McDaniel in relation to bro H. A. Wilcox stating his object would be (in visiting this place) to obtain a school, and if assured to do so, would take charge of the Church, upon which a committee was appointed of brother French & Russ to correspond with bro McDaniel upon this subject. A letter of admission for a Col^d member of our church named Hannah was requested by Sister Springs ch - Ala - it was granted. The Conference closed by prayer &c.

G. R. French Clk

13th Jany 1839

The Church met in Conference which was opened with prayer by Bro Repiton Moderator. Bro Repiton presented his letter for membership upon which he was received. Sister Ann Bryan was also received by letter. The necessary business was transacted, and the Conference closed by prayer.

J. Peterson Clk

Sister McIlhenny was received
by letter.
Sister Margaret Rich was also received by letter.

J. Peterson Clk

Feby 1839

The Church met according to appointment. Bro. Repiton the Moderator organized the Conference by prayer &c. The door being opened for reception of members Jno. Savage was received. The Sabbath School was taken under controls of the Church, and Bro. Repiton appointed superintendent. No further business the Church was closed by prayer.

D. Thally Clk P. T.

March 1st 1839

The Church convened in Conference, it was opened by prayer, Bro Repiton moderator. The moderator called for the report of the committee, Bro French reported - upon which a motion prevailed to provide the Church with asexton who should receive sixty dolls for his services viz lighting, cleaning the

house & ringing the Bell. On motion of bro French Resolved that a monthly collection be taken up to pay the sexton. Further resolved that the first Sabbath in each month be the regular Communion Sermon. The Church agreed to keep up the Choir. Adjourned to meet 1st Friday in Apl.

J. Peterson Clk

Apl. 5th 1839

The Church met according to adjournment bro Repiton the moderator organized the Conference by prayer. The door was opened for reception of members when Mrs. Weeden came forward and was received.

bro Simpson was chosen sexton for 12 mos and $60 promised for his services.

Resolved that bro A. P. Repiton be and continue the Pastor of this church as long as Pastor and members shall agree. Conference closed. prayer by bro Ward

J. Peterson Clk

May 3rd 1839

The Church met in Conference which was opened with prayer by bro Repiton the moderator. A door for membership being opened Elizabeth Campbell came forward and was received, bro and sister Rowton applied for letters of dismission, they were granted. A letter was also granted Sister Tredaway. Resolved on motion bro Bryan that the Pastor controll the relief fund.

Closed by prayer -

J. Peterson Clk

30th May 1839

At a regular meeting of the Church Conference organized with a devotional exercise as usual bro Repiton moderator. Sister Jane Jenkins presented her letter for membership and was received. bro French presented a bill of oil which was ordered to be paid.

Agreed to hold our Conference meetings on Saturday afternoon preceeding first Sabbath in each month instead of Friday.

Closed, prayer &c.

J. Peterson Clk

The Church met 6th July 1839.

The moderator opened Conference by prayer- bro Mills Everette presented letter for membership, he was received. Sister Rebecca Marine was restored to fellowship - Agreed to have the Stone Steps widened and have them lighted by lamp. brothers French Thally & Russ was appointed committee to enclose church lot. Agreed on motion bro Bryan that the Hymns be in all cases by the Pastor- brothers Peterson Thally & Russ was appointed a committee Vigilence whose duty it is to report upon the State of the Church from time to time. The meeting closed.

Prayer &c.

J. Peterson Clk

3d Augt 1839

At a meeting of the Church Conference was organized in the usual way - bro Repiton moderator - When the Church proceeded to business as follows -
Resolved on motion of bro Bryan that the 5th Article of the bylaws be observed - the Bill of expenses as rendered was ordered to be laid on the Table. Bretheren Bryan & Hallett were added to the committee of Vigilence - the Church requested that the Conference meeting should assemble at turn out bell ring. Brethren Thally & Bryan was appointed to take collections &c Brethren Repiton Bryan & Peterson were appointed Delegates to attend the Association - Conference closed.

J. Peterson Clk

31st Augt 1839

Church met - Conference opened by prayer, bro Repiton Moderator - Proceedings of last meeting read - Bro J H Bahn was presented who was expelled for immoral conduct - Bro Repiton prayed for him - Bro Bryan was appointed to write the letter to the Association - five Dolls was made up to send by the Delegates - the Small House on the Church Lot was granted bro Simpson until we should want it. Bro Repiton resigned as Superintendent of the Sabbath School - meeting adjourned

J J Bryan Clk P T

Last Saturday Sept 1839

The Church met - Conference organized - usual way bro Repiton in the chair when Mrs. T. Savage presented herself for membership and was received. Katy Bryan Cold - W - was also received.
Conference closed by prayer J Peterson Clk

Saturday before 1st Sabbath in Novr 1839

The Church met when Conference was organized as usual by prayer &c bro French Moderator - the Church proceeded to business - The wellfare of the Church was inquired into - bro Repiton brought charges against bro Bryan whose duty it was to settle the difficulty between them if practicable. Bro Repiton preferred a charge against the Church which he wishes to have explained. Closed by prayer

J. Peterson Clk

16th Nov 1839

At a called meeting of the Church - Conference being opened in the usual way bro French Moderator - The difficulty between brethern Repiton & Bryan was settled between themselves - bro Repiton tendered his resignation as pastor - Conference adjourned

J Peterson Clk

1st Saturday in Jany 1840

The Church met - Conference opened by prayer. bro Bryan Moderator. Bro Repiton presented a bill for services - and asked letter of dismission- it was not granted. Conference closed prayer

J Peterson Clk

12th Feby 1840

Church met, Conference organized in usual way, bro Jas McDaniel Moderator - The door for membership opened, Emma Peterson, Jane Simpson, Elizabeth Melton, Elizabeth Sholar, Mildred Larkins & Sarah Skipper presented themselves & was received.
Letters of dismission was granted bro and Sister Repiton. A committee was appointed to supply the Pulpit with a Pastor. Conf. closed.

I. Peterson Clk

29th Feby 1840

Church met, Conference organized by bro Armstrong moderator in usual way. Unfinished business called up, the committee appointed for the purpose reported that they had the amt. sufficient for the liquidation of bro Repiton's claim, it was ordered to be paid over to Treasurer & he requested to pay bro Repiton taking his receipt in full. Bro Simpson resigned his services as sexton, upon which brethren Bryan & Peterson was appointed to procure a sexton. Conference closed by prayer

I Peterson Clk

4th April 1840

Church met, Conference opened in usual way, bro French, Moderator. The Church agreed to invite bro Napp to come and preach for the Church. Brethren Bryan & French was appointed to extend said invitation to bro Napp. Conf. closed.

J. J. Bryan Clk P T

2d May 1840

Church met in Conference. it was opened by prayer, bro French Moderator. After the necessary business was gotten through with brethren Peterson & French was appointed to inquire into situation of small House on Church Lot, dispose of it &c
Resolved to pay bro Simpson for services as sexton by subscription. Conference closed by prayer

I Peterson Clk

June 1840

Church met, Conference opened usual way, bro French in chair. unfinished business disposed of -
Bro Russ was instructed to invite J Jennette of the M E Church to fill our Pulpit for the time being. Adjourned

J. J. Bryan Clk

4th July - the Church met - Bro French Moderator - opened Conference in usual way. Covenant read &c. Closed by prayer.

I Peterson Clk

5th Sept 1840

Church met in Conference opened by bro Bryan Moderator, when brethren Bryan Peterson & Russ was appointed delegates to the

Association. Bro Peterson appointed to write the church letter. Conference closed by prayer &c

I Peterson Clk

12th Decr 1840

Church met, Conference organized by bro Richards chairman. Door for reception of members opened, bro E Peterson presented himself and was received - brethren Bryan Russ March & Hary was appointed to look after Cold members and report at next meeting - Bro Bryan & Peterson was appointed to Examine and report upon cases of Bro Thally & his two sons- The Treasurer was requested to Exhibit the receipts & Accts. settled by him at next meeting. The Treasurer read his report and resigned - Resolved that the House Expenses be paid by contributions &c Resolved that no Bills be settled without consent of the Church - Bro French was appointed Treasurer Protem - Bro Russ appointed sexton for year 1841. Closed by prayer

I Peterson Clk

2d Jany 1841

Church met - Conference opened as usual. Bro Richards Moderator. Committee to look after Cold members reported & was discharged - Committee to wait on Bro Thally and sons continued - The Treasurers Act called for and read. Resolved that there be committee of bro French & Peterson to devise means for paying Bro Bryans Act. Closed

I Peterson Clk

3d Apl 1841

Church met -Conference opened by bro Richards Moderator - the Committee appointed to wait on Bro Thally & sons reported - report received committee discharged. Bro Thally was suspended until he should make satisfactory acknowledgements- Conference closed

I Peterson Clk

1st Saturday Decr 1841

Church met, Conference opened by bro French chairman. Bro Armstrong of Mississippi being unanimously called brethren French & Bryan was instructed to inform him of said call to the Pastoral charge of this Church- brethren French Bryan Peterson & Russ was appointed to conduct the prayer meetings in turn.
Resolved that the 9th day of Decr being Thursday be a day of fasting & prayer - Closed by prayer &c

I Peterson

6th Feby 1842

Church met - Conference organized in usual way bro Battle in the Chair. Committee appointed to ascertain the number of members - Said committee was intrusted with the revision of the Church Book. Bro French appointed Superintendent of the S(unday) S(chool) bro Peterson having resigned. Closed by prayer -

I Peterson Clk

At a protracted meeting commencing 2d March 1842 the Lord done grate things for us whereof we are glad - Many souls were shown the error of their way - and the exceeding hatefulness of Sin, and through the mercy of God and father in his Son, their feet was taken out of the mire and the clay, and set upon the rock of Eternal ages. May they stand secure amid the Storms and the water floods - may they reflect the glorious light of the Son of righteousness as beacons upon the pathway to the celestial City.

Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Spooner, Mary Morris, Matilda Bryan, Sarah Caison, Alexr Guion, Mrs. Guion, Stanton Spooner & Mrs. Battle was received for Baptism on Satisfactory evidence of their conversion.

March 8th

At a called meeting Henry Bishop, Lewis Hines, Jas Stokly, & Jno R. Larkins presented themselves for membership and was received-12th March C. E. Stow presented himself & was received.

Mar 20th 1842

Richd Simpson
Mr. Mason
Sarah Mitchell
Charles - Cold man
Joe Jones " "
West " "
Mary Jones "
Inda "
Mrs. Hurndurn
23d Mary Moore
Mary Springs
Elizabeth Costin
Elizabeth Garrison
Tabitha Stokly
Eliza Barker
Wm Cooke
Thos Stokly
C. D. Ellis
Dicy Cannon
Rebecca Melton
Ala Costin
Mary Sholer
India Sholer
Valina - Cold Woman
26 Mrs. (Wm) Cooke
Mildred Stokly
Nancy Stokly
Eliza Price
Mrs. J. Collins
Alvord Ellis
30 Sarah Williams
B. F. Mitchell

(30th contd.)

S. B. Thain
Rebecca Winborne
Thos Mott
Mrs. Ketcham
Margaret Sadbury
Sarah Capps
Susan Hande
Ann Rouse
Mary Price
Jno Barns
Thos Capps

were all received upom satisfactory evidence of their conversion. Resolved that brethrn Bryan Mitchell & Ellis comprise a standing committee to look after and render assistance to the poor of the Church & report monthly. Brethern French Cooke & Bryan were appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a Book concern in the Town for the benefit of the Church and denominations. Closed by prayer.

I Peterson

Apl 3d

Jonathan Ketcham
Mrs. Fowler

8th

Margaret Gorden
Margaret Price
Mary Ginn
Mary Blanchard
Martha Simpson
Thos Leaden
Moses Hill

13

West Sampson
Jas Burrows
Elizabeth Burrows
Margaret Benson
Mr. Mott
Isaac (colored)
Mr. Blanchard

23

N. E. Brickhouse
Susan Wallis

offered for membership and was received.

May 4th

Mrs. Ginn
Charity - Cold
Wm Flanagon
Elizabeth Newby
Edward Cold offered and was received.

Church granted Sister Fowler letter of dismission.

July 3rd 1842

Mingo Eagles	Harry Everett
James Eagles	Ben Everett
Quash Quince	Elsy Berry
Andrew Berry	Lucy Galloway
Simon Everett	Charlotte Eagles
John Hazell	Lunar Eagles
Susan H.	Celia Everet - (all colored)

presented themselves and all received except Elsy, Lucy, Charlotte and Lucy, who the Church agreed to wait on.

July 12th 1842

Church Met in Conference - when the following persons presented themselves, viz-

Sandy	Cato Wright
Tomy Hill	Sarah Everett
T---- Hill	Adonas Walker
Tom Hill	Anderson Winder
Dolly Hill	Tom Everett
Gracy Hill	Stephen Winder
Lucy Holmes	Phibus Galloway
Indy Ennett	Peter Dickinson

Sargent Everett ---------- Col^d persons all mourned - not received at this meeting.

Augt 4th 1842

Church met in Conference, when charges were preferred against brethren Springs & Blanchard for drunkenness. Committee of Vigilence was requested to wait on them. A letter of dismission granted to Wm Baber - Conference closed.

Augt 7th 1842

Church met in Conference and opened when the following persons presented themselves mourned -

Tony Hill	Judy Everett
Rachel Hill	Maria Hill
Gracy Eagles	Cain Hill
Elsy Berry	Glasgo Hill

Lucy Galloway ---------- Col^d persons

Linus)
Tully Quince)
Carr Hill)
Simon Eagles) Received
Sabina Hill)
Venata Walker)

Brethern Peterson Bryan & Russ were appointed delegates to Association. Brethern Brickhouse & Jas Stokly were added to the committee of Vigilence.Bro & Sister Simpson requested letters of dismission. Closed by prayer. I Peterson Clk

At a called meeting of the Church - Oct. 3d 1842 - when Brethren Springs and Blanchard were excluded for intemperance. Bro Mason and others were ordered to be cited to the next regular meeting to answer to charges of disorderly conduct. Conference closed.

C. D. Ellis Act Clk

At a called meeting of the Church 13th Oct bro Battle was delegated to attend the Baptist State Convention. $10 were sent - and traveling expenses of delegate ordered to be paid. Conf. closed by prayer.

I. Peterson Clk

Church met Nov 3d 1842 - when Brethren C. D. Ellis & B. F. Mitchell were duly elected Deacons. Bro Bryan was granted letter of dismission - bro Russ made application but was denied for the present. Conference closed.

I. Peterson Clk

Church met 10th Nov 1842 and was duly organized when bro Jas Mason was Excluded from the fellowship of the Church. Bro Russ withdrew his application for a letter. Bro Mitchell & Brickhouse was appointed to investigate a charge against bro Guion, also to cite bro Liden to attend the next meeting. Brethren French & Ellis were appointed to ascertain whether some brother does not stand suspended whose name has not been noted.

At a subsequent meeting, bro Guion was forgiven upon suitable acknowledgement and promise of reformation. Brethren Mitchell Ellis & Brickhouse was appointed to wait on bro Russ and know his cause of grievance. brethren French Peterson & Battle was appointed to wait on bro Hallett and remonstrate with him against his practice of making unguarded Expressions.

Subsequently (Nov 24th 1842) the Committee reported the adjustment of the difficulty with Bro Russ which was more disatisfaction on his part toward some of the members, the explanation was received as satisfactory to the Church. A charge was preferred against bro Burris by Com. of Vigilence for drunkenness and swearing - he was ordered to be cited to next meeting to answer to said charges. Sister Mary Lewis was received by letter.

Decr 8th 1842

Church Conference in session. Sister Susan Redding complained of unkind treatment from her Mother and family. She requested her name erased from the Church list - a committee was appointed to inquire into the difficulty. Adjourned

I. Peterson Clk

Saturday morning 11th Decr /42

Mrs. Strawbury Price was received on confession of repentence towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. Peterson Clk

Feby 1843

Church met in Conference - which being duly opened when Bro A. J. Battle was unanimously called to the Pastoral Charge of the Church commencing Jany 25th 1842.
Resolved that $500 be made up for bro Battle as Pastor and more if practicable. Brethren Ellis & Mitchell were appointed to wait on Brother Battle and inform him of his call. Closed.

I. Peterson Clk

Feby 6th 1843
Church met - Conference opened bro Battle accepted the call of this Church. Several committees appointed &c
Nothing of importance transacted

2nd March
Brother T Liden was Excluded. Other Business Continued.

I. Peterson

3th March 1843
Committees continued. bro E. C. Stow appointed Clerk. Bro Peterson having resigned.

Mifs Bettie Mitchell
Mifs Hannah Mitchell
Mifs Emma Mitchell
(Note- no explanation why these names are listed)

Augt 30th 1843
Church met - Conference opened as usual when Maxwell Huston was received by letter, Brethren Bryan & Peterson was requested to write the Church letter to the Association.
Resolved that a fair compensation be given for having the record of the Church transcribed into a suitable Book. bro Bryan was requested to perform that duty. bro Battle was requested to invite bro Robison to visit this Church (Bro Battle tendered his resignation as pastor).
J. J. Bryan Clk

24th Sept
Church resolved to invite bro Robison to visit us - br Ellis appointed to extend said invitation.

19th Oct /43
Church in Conference (duly organized) five persons received for Baptism. Bro Ellis read letters from brethren McDaniel and Finch proposing a ministers meeting at this place - bro Ellis was instructed to correspond with those brethren in reference to the subject.

A letter was read from bro Robeson declining to serve the Church.
The Church agreed to invite bro Repiton to take Pastoral Charge of this Church - invitation was extended through brethren Ellis Peterson & Mitchell.

J. J. Bryan Clk

Oct 26th /43

Church met - Conference organized as usual - bro Battle Moderator. The committee reported bro Repitons acceptance of the call. Bro Hines resigned as sexton. A collection was taken up for bro Warren who was represented to be in indigent circumstances.
Agreed to raise Pastors salary by subscription & collections. brethren were appointed to conduct the same. Closed in the usual way.

J. J. Bryan Clk

Nov 2 /43

Church met - Conference opened with bro Repiton in chair. bro Burris was excluded for disorderly conduct. Adjourned.

Jas J Bryan C C

Jany 4th 1844

Church met Conference opened by the Moderator as usual. Five persons presented themselves and was received by letters &c
Resolved unanimously that we adopt the A. B. P. G? Hymn Books called the Psalmist. the gallery was appropriated for singers - bro French chosen superintendent of S. School. Closed by prayer.

Jas J. Bryan C.C.

Sabbath Morning 7th

John Farrow & wife)
Frances Savage)
Rhoda Halsey) proposed to the Church
D. Cashwell) and received

Feby 1st 1844

Church met - Conference met and was opened by the Moderator. Three came forward for membership and was received.

Bro Baber requested dismission from the Church - a committee was appointed to wait on him.

Bro Thally was solemnly excluded from the Church, Closed by prayer.

J. J. Bryan Clk

Feby 29 1844

Church met in Conference - meeting opened by Moderator.

Bro Baber was excluded from the Church - Sister Margaret Sadbury was also expelled. A letter of dismission was granted bro Booth.

J. J. Bryan

Patsy Batton, Chas Batton, Harriet Batton, Phebe Silar, Susan Lanier and Hezekiah Lanier - was received and baptized.

May 2 - 1844

Church met - Conference opened by Moderator. Committee was appointed to wait on members who had visited the theatre and admonish them to desist and make reparation for their offence. Conference adjourned by prayer.

J. J. Bryan

May 29th 1844

Church met and Conference opened by the Moderator. The committee reported in reference to members who had been to theatres, stating that they found them penitent and asked to be restored, which was cordially done.
A letter of dismission was granted sister Susan Wallace. Meeting adjourned.

J. J. Bryan CLK

July 4th

Church met, Conference opened by Moderator. Committee of Sisters appointed in reference to children of Baptist Parents was discharged.
A committee was appointed to settle with bro Finch. Meeting closed with prayer.

J. J. Bryan Clk

Augt 1 - 1844

The Church met in Conference - Moderator opened the Meeting. Committee appointed at last meeting to settle with bro French was discharged.
No further business appearing the meeting closed with prayer.

J. J. Bryan Clk

Sophia Dudley)
Peter Dudley) was received
Eli McRae)

Augt 29th 1844

At a meeting of the Church in Conference delegates were appointed to the Association, bro Peterson to write the letter to the same. Brethren Repiton, French, Ellis, Bryan, Mitchell was nominated as delegates to the Baptist State Convention. Bro Repiton remarked that the Church was entitled 7 delegates upon which Brethren Stokly & Peterson were added to the delegation. A Committee of Brethren Ellis, Mitchell, Bryan, Cashwell, French & Stokley were appointed to furnish the Pulpit with a minister for the ensuing year. Conference closed with prayer.

J. J. Bryan

Oct. 2 - 1844

Church met, Conference was opened by the Moderator, when bro Repiton complained of ill treatment from brethren Thaim & Larkins, A Committee was appointed to cite the two brethren to trial. they gave their reasons in explanation.
The Committee appointed to supply the Pulpit with a Pastor reported that they had given bro McDaniel a call, and that bro McDaniel had accepted the same. The call made by the committee was unanimously concurred in by the Church, none manifesting their disaprobation by vote, bro McDaniel is consequently recognized our Pastor for the ensuing year.
Bro Larkins was expelled for unchristianlike conduct.
Meeting adjourned, with prayer by bro Repiton.

J. J. Bryan Clk

Oct 31 - 1844

Church met, Conference opened by prayer &c Bro French in chair. Sisters Russ and Larkins petitioned for letters of dismission, their applications were laid over. Conference closed by prayer.

J. J. Bryan Clk

Jany 2 - 1845

Church met. Conference opened as usual by bro McDaniel Moderator. A door being opened for reception of members bro Battle presented his credentials as evidence of his being an orthodox Baptist minister which being entirely Satisfactory he was cordially received as a member of and in full fellowship with the Church.

The covenant and bylaws read. brethren McDaniel, Battle & C. D. Ellis were appointed to revise and amend the bylaws of the Church.

On Motion Resolved that brethren C. D. Ellis, N. E. Brickhouse, H. M. Bishop & J. J. Bryan compose a Committee of Vigilence.

On motion bro E. Peterson "Resolved that a letter recently granted bro C. Russ be recalled. which being done was promptly returned by bro Russ.

Bro French made inquiry into the State of the Church when several brethren responded, whose remarks too plainly evinced that the love of some had waxed cold, and that their Covenant obligations had been neglected. The melancholy fact being evident, that they had arrainged themselves against the church so as seriously to affect the sacred cause of our blessed Saviour. Bro Ellis urged the necessity of enforcing the rules of discipline as laid down in our Covenant and bylaws as the surest way to avoid such unpleasant and peace destroying difficulties.

Resolved to hold another meeting of the Church on next Monday evening should weather and circumstances permit, or as early thereafter as practicable.

On motion bro Ellis the Church was granted bro Battle for the purpose of preaching to the col^{d} people on Sabbath afternoons & with the view of collecting an African congregation.

Brethren Bryan and others were appointed to cooperate with bro Battle in raising said congregation, and in procuring a suitable place for their future use. Conference closed by prayer &c

J. J. Bryan Clk

Jany 7th 1845

Church met - Conference opened by the moderator bro McDaniel with singing, reading Scriptures & prayer. proceedings of last meeting and bylaws read. The committee appointed for the purpose presented an amended code of the bylaws which was read, received and adopted and the committee discharged. On motion of bro Ellis the unfinished business of 31st October was taken up, when Sister Russ withdrew her application for a letter of dismission, when at the request of the Conference our Moderator inquired of Sister Russ her reasons for requesting a letter, upon which Sister Russ informed us that she had been grieved at the remarks of some Sister in the Church. brethren Battle, Ellis & Mitchell was then appointed to affect a reconciliation between Sister Russ and such offending sister. Agreed to hold another meeting next Monday evening when the Conference closed with prayer &c

J. J. Bryan Clk

Jany 13th 1845

Church met, Conference opened by Moderator bro McDaniel. Singing, reading, prayer &c When the Committee appointed to adjust the difficulty between Sister Russ and others asked further time it was granted.
Sister Larkins withdrew her application for letter of dismission - her explanation was satisfactory.
Bro Russ was inquired of(by the Church through the Moderator) why he wished his name struck from the Church Book, upon which he confessed having acted wrong and retracted - he (bro Russ) was then requested to state whether he had aught against any member of the Church, and that if he had, to try to effect a reconciliation according to Gospel order.
Conference closed by prayer &c

J. J. Bryan Clk

20th Jany /45

Church met, Conference was opened with singing, reading and prayer by our Moderator bro McDaniel - when the proceedings of last meeting and bylaws were read - the Committee reported on the case of Sister Russ. Report was received and case discharged.
brethren French, Peterson & Mitchell were appointed to settle a difficulty between bro H. M. Bishop and Sister Sholar as reported by the Vigilent Committee.
Brethren Bryan, Stokly & Brickhouse were appointed to wait on bro Farrow and cite him to attend and answer to a charge prefered against him for disorderly conduct.
Brethren Ellis & Battle were appointed to wait on sisters Cox, Lanier & King and to inquire into their standing and Christian Character.
Brethren French, Peterson & Thain were also appointed to wait on brethren Barnes & Ketcham and ascertain the reasons for their absenting themselves from the Church meetings. Bro Russ requested further time for adjusting of matters, between himself and others, which was granted.
Resolved that all members having claims against the Church be requested to present them at the next meeting for liquidation. Brethren Ellis, Mitchell & Cooke were approved to settle with bro Repiton and take his receipt in full. The meeting closed by prayer &c

J. J. Bryan Clk

27th Jany 1845

Church met, Conference opened by the Moderator bro McDaniel with singing, reading & prayer, bylaws read and door for membership opened. Ann Judson Battle - aged 11 years - presented herself and was unanimously received - the clearest evidence being given of her happy conversion to God.
Bro Battle in behalf of the committee reported in reference to Sisters Cox, Lanier & King. Sister Cox was fully acquitted. The latter two Sisters Lanier & King was expelled from the Church and all her privileges for unchristian conduct. bro McDaniel offered prayer in their behalf.
Other committees were continued.
Claims were presented and monies raised for their settlement. The Church then proceeded to the election of Officers, when the following brethren

brethren were duly elected for the current year ending 1st Jany 1846 -

D. Cashwell - Clerk
E. Peterson - Treasurer
A. J. Battle - Superintendent of S. S.

Resolved that all communications between the Church and bro Repiton be presented in writing. Brethren Stokly & Ellis were appointed to attend to the Seating of the congregation when circumstances might require.
Resolved that the following preamble and resolution be adopted and entered upon the record of the Church -

Whereas the Rev. A. P. Repiton late Pastor of this Church closed his labors with us, publicly make declarations impugning the character of this; and Whereas the same has been repeated by him in a way seriously to affect our moral standing as a Christian body, in which declarations he has charged this Church, or a part of the Church, with "holding secret meetings" injurious to his standing, of "electing a Pastor over his head," also accusing them of unjust and unchristian "conduct towards him as their Pastor. And WHEREAS these and all similar allegations have no foundation in truth. Therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Church be instructed to address a letter to him covering a copy of this preamble and Resolutions, calling upon him for retraction in writing, of the above and all similar alligations, made publicly or privately, to the detriment of this Church, or that he substantiate the same by competent testimony.
Further RESOLVED that he be informed that such retraction, if given, will be publicly read from the Pulpit of this Church. That the influence of his alligations may be counteracted as far as such retraction and publicity can do it.
Further RESOLVED that he be informed that should such retraction be refuted by him, that this Church will adopt such a course as will in her judgement, vindicate herself before the community and the public generally from all such allegations.
Further RESOLVED that he be informed that an answer will be expected to be presented to the Clerk of this Church on or before 12 o'clock next Saturday the first day of Feby - 1845.
Further RESOLVED that he is requested to furnish the Clerk of this Church with his written resignation as Pastor, and accompanying remarks as read before the Church by himself at one of our Conference meetings in June or July last.

Conference adjourned by prayer &c

D. Cashwell Clk

3rd Feby 1845

Church met, Conference was organized by the Moderator our bro & Pastor McDaniel with reading - prayer &c proceedings of last meeting & bylaws read. bro Battle in behalf of the committee reported the happy adjustment of the difficulty between Sister Sholar & Bro Bishop, the report was read. as satisfactory and the committee discharged.
The committee reported in reference to brethren Kitcham & Barnes - report received - committeedischarged. On motion brethren Battle, I Peterson, E. Peterson were appointed to confer with bro Barnes in reference to his misapprehensions and if possible disabuse his mind & reclaim him to fellowship with the Church.

Brother Ketcham being present expressed sorrow for his conduct if it had been such as would bring reproach upon the cause of Religion - he was excused.
Brother Russ informed the Church that difficulties between himself and others had been amicably settled - Some questions were then asked bro Russ pertaining to other matters which had not been satisfactorily explained - they were not explained - consequently bro Russ was not acquitted.
A communication was then read from bro Repiton, the action and consideration of which was submitted to a committee composed of brethren Battle, Ellis, Mitchell, I. Peterson, E.Peterson, Brickhouse, Cooke, Cashwell & Stokly. Conference closed to meet next Monday evening. Prayer by bro Battle.

D. Cashwell Clk

10th Feby. 1845

Church met, Conference was duly organized by Moderator bro McDaniel with singing, reading & prayer as usual. The bylaws and proceedings of the last meeting read. The committee to whom was referred the matter in relation to Rev. A. P. Repiton, was called on to report, the report was presented and read by chairman of said committee in conection with letters from Rev. A. P. Repiton -
Rev. A. P. Repiton asked permission to make some statements or defense. The Moderator told him that he could hear the Resolution of the Church. the resolution was accordingly read by the Clerk. the substance of which was, that the Church receive no communication from Rev. A. P. Repiton except in writing, the reason of said resolution was, that Rev. A. P. Repiton had denied certain things, and the church wished to prevent the possibility of mistake. After the Resolution was read, Rev. A. P. Repiton said that he wished to read certain certificates - he read them. While the report of the committee was yet not acted on, neither received nor rejected but before the church, bro Russ who (at a previous meeting had been set aside by the Church as under censure untill he should give the Church satisfaction for his conduct) rose and moved that the proceedings of the Church meeting on 27th Jany. so far as related to the Rev. A. P. Repiton be rescinded. The Moderator declared that the motion was out of order. The report of the Committee was before the Church.
A motion was then made to receive the report of the Committee. In said report sundry members were presented by the committee (the chairman and others of the vigilant committee being on said committee) as occupying a position of such a character and nature as rendered it expedient that they should be called on by the Church to give Satisfaction or explain the course they had persued. And the moderator being about to put the questions on the reception of the report, stated that in his opinion those several members now not entitled to vote on the question.
Rev. A. P. Repiton who was nota member of the Conference said they had a right to vote. The Moderator appealed to the Rev. R. Jacks who happened to be present, and who had accepted an invitation to a seat in the Conference - Bro Jacks sustained the views of the Moderator.
The question was then put on the reception of the report and the Moderator declared that the motion was sustained. Rev. A. P. Repitom questioned

it, and though not a member of the Conference, called for a division. The Moderator then put the question for all those who were in favour of the motion to rise - it was done and they were counted by the Clerk. Then being about to put the for those opposed to the motion to rise, he stated that it would be expected that those several members who had been presented in the report as occupying Censurable ground would not vote. at which instant several rose and abruptly went out calling to others to go out with them. The discord they produced was truly distressing, for in the lobby of the Church where they paused, the noise and talking was disgraceful.
While going out, and the scene of confusion on their part was going on, the greater proportion of the Church observed order, and the Rev. A. J. Battle rose and calmly said, that it foursed upon his mind, the passage in John "they went out from us. but they were not of us," and then said that he moved that all who had thus acted bo solemnly expelled the fellowship of the Church. Bro C. D. Ellis rose and in a very solemn manner said he seconded the motion with all his heart. The Moderator then rose and began to make some remarks in a very calm and deliberate manner, in which he pointed to the change of feeling which would take place at an hour which was to come. While he was yet speaking they began to return into the house, and continued to return until most, if not all, of them returned. On their return the Moderator requested them to take the side seats so that it might be ascertained who had gone out, in as much as there was a motion before the Church for their expulsion. The Clerk was then requested to go and get their names. This being done, their names were read, and they were called on if they had any thing to say in palliation of their conduct to present it, when F. W. Savage rose and made some remarks which only aggravated his acts. C. Russ rose and began to pronounce such censure upon the Church as could not be tolerated , he was called to order on which he left the house in a very censurable spirit and manner.
The question was taken on the motion of expulsion and was sustained, only one voting (as was ascertained) to keep them from expulsion.
The question was then put on the reception of the report, it was received. The question was then put on the adoption of the report, and the report was adopted. In the report of the said committee it was presented to the Church that Rev. A. P. Repiton had said that Rev. Jas. McDaniel is a hipocrite. Rev. Jas. McDaniel rose to make some remarks in reference to the sevority of the slander which had been preferred against him by Rev. A.P.R. when Rev. A. P. Repiton rose and most positively denied ever having said such a thing concerning Rev. J. McDaniel and defied any one to say that he had ever heard him say it. Immediately Rev. A. J. Battle rose and stated that he heard him say it. Rev. A. P. Repiton rose and positively denied it. Bro. C. D. Ellis rose and said he heard him say it. Rev. A. P. Repiton said they may have heard my wife say it but not myself. but Rev. Jas McDaniel reminded him that between A. J. Battle and C. D. Ellis, declared that they heard him (A. P. Repiton) say it.
The former committees were continued to prepare the necessary communication and testimony to lay before the Church at Mt. Holly where Rev. A. P. Repiton holds his membership. The Moderator asked bro Jacks to supplicate the throne of grace in behalf of excluded members. Bro Jacks complied in a most zolemn manner.

A committee was appointed to wait on members in reference to their having signed papers for Rev. A. P. Repiton impugning the Church.
Conference closed by prayer &c

D. Cashwell Clk

The following correspondence was ordered to be spread on the records of the Church :

Wilmington N C Oct 16th 1844

Elder A. P. Repiton
Rev & Dear Sir

From a conversation with several members of the Church (the officers included) I learn they have doubts as to the propriety of your representing the Church in our State Convention.

They think you have disqualified yourself by taking advantage of your position as a public Speaker on Sunday evening last, to demean them.

Yours truly
J. J. Bryan Clk

Wilmington Oct 31st 1844

Mr. James J. Bryan

Sir, yours of the 16th Just was received by me on the eving of my arrival in Raleigh. It would have been answered while there had not indisposition prevented. With regards to representing the Wilmington Branch of the Baptist Church, which your communication says I had disqualified myself for &c. I would remark in the 1st place, that it needed representation no doubt , but was not entitled to one, nor do I suppose one was expected, as the name of the Church was not called. 2ndly with regard to the "propriety" of my representing the Church in Wilmington, it was or ought to be the right of the Church to appoint her own delegates, and having received that appointment from the Church, and the Church never having reoinded her trust, I would have acted in that capacity had I felt so inclined, and had she been entitled to representation, notwithstanding the assumed authority of a few of the Church. Moreover I very much question whether the Church would have sanctioned, or any body of Christians approved, the very unjust, not to say ungentlemanly epistle sent me by a small minority of the Baptist Church, after I had left home at my own expense, to represent a body of some two or three hundred professors of religion in a Convention of Baptist some 150 miles distant. I might enlarge, but I forbear. I should notice more largely the epistle but I have learned since my return, form an important one, of the "several members of the Baptist Church" that in your letter to me, you exceeded the bounds given, unwarrentable as that was. I was informed that you were simply instructed to request me not to represent the Church and say no more. Some persons are greate Sticklers for instructions, others again, are anti instructionists. It is for you to say what ground you occupy in this affair under the present state of it. I shall close by observing

that while in the relation of Pastor, I always strove to do my duty, if I hvae failed, it was because I was not able to please all. This is my misfortune not my fault. I do not feel self condemned before him who sees and Knows the heart; and as it is before his bar I am to give an account, I trust, as he does not require success, but faithfulness, that I shall stand acquitted there. I feel compelled in justice to myself to make a partial expose of tho unjust, not to say unchristian course pursued towards me in the lato affair of the Church with her Pastor. And in order to put an end to this very unpleasant matter; I take this method of saying to those several members of the church, ("officers included") that should they continue to handle my name before members of this community, as I learn they have done, that the public shall judge between us; for a full, firm and impartial review of the whole affair, with data that some are not aware of in my possession, will be placed by me before those who will honor me with their presence. I do not wish to take this stand, and to avoid it, I only ask to be let alone in the position of a private individual in this community, which place I profess now to occupy. So far as the aristocratic minority of tho Church is concerned. I intend to have nothing to do with others who have virtually asked to have nothing to do with me. And I now give my advice, the least said the sooner mended

Yours &c
A. Paul Repiton

To "Mr. J. J. Bryan and
several members of the Baptist
Church" (officers included)

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Reply of Rev. A. P. Repiton
to the Preamble and Resolutions adopted
by the Church 27th Jany 1845

Wilmington 25th Jany. 1845

Mr. D. Cashwell Clerk of the Baptist Church
Sir

A communication was handed me this day by you purporting to be from the Baptist Church in Conference the 27th day Jany. alleging certain charges against me, and demanding retraction under a threat - which charges are as follows - viz. "Whereas the Rev. A. P. Repiton late Pastor of this Church did, on the Sabbath evening which closed his labors with us, publicly make declarations impugning the character of this Church; and Whereas the same has since been repeated by him in a way seriously to affect our moral standing as a Christian body, in which declarations he has charged this Church or a part of the Church with holding secret meetings injurious to his standing "of electing a Pastor over his head. Also accusing them of unjust, and unchristian conduct towards him as their Pastor &c." With regard to these charges, which with a threat I am called upon to retract, I have some few remarks to make. I am not in the habit of retracting anything I have said. Neither have I any thing in the present instance to retract, but in the mean time I deny having

said what I am in your polite communication charged with saying. Did I consider myself in any way amenable to the Church in this place I might again state what I said, as fortunately I am enabled to do so- but knowing no power or right you have to call upon me - I shall notice the communication no further than by sending a few names of those who were present, to qualify I did not say waht you assert.

A. Paul Repiton

We whose names are hereunto affixed being present when bro Repiton made his remarks on the Sabbath evening alluded to in the above communication, feel it our duty, with him, to deny the charges specified against him -

Camile Russ
Susan x Herndon
F. W. Savage
Susan Smith
Elizabeth Melton
Eliza Savage
Rebecca x Melton
Ann x Russ
Mildred x Larkins
Elsy Pretlow
Saml. Birtt

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REPORT AS ADOPTED 10th Feby. 1845

Your Committee appointed to take into consideration the reply of bro. Repiton to the communication of this Church together with all that is embraced in the difficulty between the Church as a body, or any of her members and him, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following preamble and Resolutions as the course, which they would recommend this Church to adopt, to vindicate herself, and her members individually from the injury which the declaration of bro Repiton, made publicly and privately, have subjected them to -

WHEREAS this church as a body, and several of her members individually, felt grieved at the remarks publicly made by bro Repiton the evening his labours as pastor closed with the Church, and also made at other times by him privately, to one person (at least) in this town; And WHEREAS this Church did, at her Conference meeting on Monday evening 27th Jany. /45, adopt a communication to him, informing him of the cause of her grievances, and called on him for a retraction of his remarks; And WHEREAS the answer of bro Repiton to the said communication declares, that "I am not in the habit of retracting any thing I have said, neither have I in the present instance anything to retract, in the meantime I deny having said what I am in your polite communication charged with saying," thereby refusing to remove the cause of grievances and to give satisfaction to those he had injured. And WHEREAS he has since he received the communication of this Church, pursued a course of

conduct calculated to increase the difficulty, and still more than ever to prejudice persons in the community against this Church as a body, and some of her members individually. Therefore RESOLVED, that another communication be addressed to him by the Clerk, informing him that in the judgement of this Church, every man, as well as every Christian, whom they have made remarks to the injury of any other man, or body of men, based on misapprehension, are so farr amiable to him, or them, as to be under high moral obligations to retract such remarks, and in very honorable way make restitution and give satisfaction. In this sense, this Church as a body, and her members individually do hold him amenable and responsible to them. But that they do not claim nor assume the right to arraign and discipline him for any remarks, or conduct whatsoever.

Further RESOLVED that he be informed that as he has denied making the remarks, which this Church affirmed he had made, and with the denial refused to give satisfaction, that this Church feels it to be her duty, to lay before her sister church at Mount Holly where he holds his membership, all the facts of the case; and to request her sister at Mount Holly to proceed in the adjustment of this difficulty according to the usages of the Baptist denomination, to which both these churches belong.

Further RESOLVED that he be informed that the following will compose the principle of the facts which this Church will lay before her sister at Mount Holly, and which she will be prepared to sustain by competent testimony.

1st - That the remarks embraced in the communications of this Church to him of 27th Jany. 1845 as the cause of grievance were made by him partly in public and partly in private; and that he refused to give up his written resignation which he promised to the Church at the time he made it, was at her services when called for.

2nd - That he has since made the difficulty greater, by first trying to prove by a part of the members of this Church, that his charge against the Church, or a part of the Church, for holding secret meetings was true, and that when he failed to get the proof, he denied having made the charges.

3rd - That he has declared that certain of the members of this Church had told him that the Church did hold secret meetings, and now deny having told him so, thereby criminating such members with falshood.

4th - That he has persued a Schismatic course of conduct by remarks in public, as well as in private prejudicing one part of the members of the Church against other members of the Church.

5th - That he has by his misrepresentations prejudiced citizens of this community against the Church and her Pastor so as to influence them to decline attendance at her place of public worship.

6th - That he has made declarations against the moral character of our pastor altogether inconsistent with a profession of religion.

Further RESOLVED that he be informed that this Church will send a delegation to her sister church at Mount Holly at the time she may appoint to investigate the case, with all the necessary testimonials to sustain these facts.

Your committee would further recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare the necessary communication and testimonials to lay before her sister Church at Mount Holly. They would also recommend that the Church should call on those members who signed the Certificate accompanying the reply of bro Repiton (except bro Russ) to say whether by signing said certificate, they are to be understood as opposing this Church in proceedings to obtain redress from

from the allegations against the Church, made by bro Repiton. They will close by recommending that the reply of bro Repiton, with the accompanying cirtificates and signatures be placed on the record of this Church, and that this report if adopted be also recorded.

Which is respectfully submitted

A. J. Battle Chairman

All the Committee present
(except bro Peterson who was sick)
and unanimously approved.

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17th Feby 1845

Church met according to adjournment, Conference organized by our Moderator bro McDaniel with singing, reading and prayer as usual. The bylaws and proceedings of the last meeting read. The Committee of Vigilence reported members who abruptly and contemptiously left the house at last meeting - they were solemnly expelled the membership of this Church. The committee also reported the names of members standing connected with a Protest embodying foul mistatements concerning the acts of the Church on last Monday evening, and some previous meetings, which protest was presented by J. Ketcham and read before the Conference by bro Battle. bro Kitcham requested that the Protest should be spread upon the record of the Church. He was informed by the Moderator that it was now the property of the Church to make such disposition of it, as she saw proper. It was ordered to lay over for further consideration and action.
Brethren Ellis, Peterson & Cashwell were appointed to see those members whose names are on said Protest and enquire of them, whether they understand the nature of the document, and whether they sincerely adopt its sentiments.
The Committee appointed to prepare communication testimonials &c to lay before Mount Holly Church was called on to report, which report was presented and read by the chairman of said Committee. A motion was made for its reception - it was received. A motion was then made for its adoption. It was adopted.
A number of members 5 or 6 made acknowledgement to the Church expressing much sorrow for having signed papers presented to them by C. Russ the purport of which they did not understand at the time, but were told by C. Russ that it was to prevent bro Repiton being stopped from preaching - which explanation, and concession was satisfactory and they were promptly excused.
Brethren McDaniel, French & Battle were appointed a delegation to represent this Church before her sister at Mount Holly to whom is referred the entire matter in relation to the difficulty with bro Repiton.

Brethren Ellis, Battle & French were appointed to ascertain such excluded members as wished to return to the Church and to report their names to subsequent meeting.

Conference closed by prayer &c

D. Cashwell Clk

Report of the Committee on Testimony as adopted

Your Committee appointed at Church Conference 10th Feby. 1845 to prepare the testimonial &c which the Church feels it to be her duty to lay before her sister at Mt. Holly, to sustain the facts adopted in the report of your committee at the last meeting of the Church a paper to be laid before our sister at Mt. Holly, would beg leave to report the following certificate as testimony of this Church to sustain the position which she has taken in reference to the conduct and expressions of the Rev A. P. Repiton.

Your Committee would further recommend that a delegation of three brethren be appointed to attend Mt. Holly at as early a period as practable, for the purpose of laying before the Conf. at that Church the cause of grievance which this Church has against Rev. A. P. Repiton, one of her members, and that these delegates shall take with them the record of our Church Minutes that they may present the proceedings of this Church as recorded, before our sister at Mt. Holly, as a Statement of facts of the whole case. Also with the minutes of this Church to present the annexed Cirteficate to sustain these facts which our Church has affirmed, and which the Rev. A. P. Repiton has admitted.

Your Com. would further recommend that these delegates be authorized to make such verbal statements to our Sister Church at Mt. Holly, as may be deemed necessary by them to vindicate the character of this church, or to give any information which our sister at Mt. Holly may require.

Your Com. would further recommend that if this report be adopted, that it shall with all its accompanying cirtificates, be placed upon the records of this Church.

All which is respectfully Submitted

A. J. Battle Chairman

Evidence in Support of

1st Item - Wilmington, N. C. Feby. 15th 1845

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that the Rev. A. P. Repiton did on the Sabbath evening which closed his labours as Pastor of the Church in this place, after his sermon was ended, publicly declare, that as a reason why he should no longer preach for the Church, the Church or part of the Church had held secret meetings and elected a Pastor over his head. We also refer to his letter addressed to bro J. J. Bryan of the 31st Oct/44 to sustain the expressions contained in the communication of the Church to him (A.P.R.) of 27th day /45 as a part of the testimony to sustain the affirmation of the Church in the first Item.

A. J. Battle

E. Peterson

A. Ellis

C. D. Ellis

I. Peterson

We do hereby certify that the Rev A P Repiton did say to the Church Conference when he presented his resignation that he had written the resignation and accompanying remarks that there might be mo mistakes in reference to them, and that they were for the Church if desired.

A. J. Battle

B. F. Mitchell
Jas. Stokly

D. Cashwell

Chas D. Ellis

I. Peterson

Item 2nd

This Certifies that bro Repiton called on me about the latter part of January 1845 and after asking me if I was present at the Conf. meeting of the Baptist Church held in June last (1844) when action was taken on the election of a Pastor to preside over the Church for the ensuing year, and that on being assured in the affirmative he presented me with a paper setting fourth that the meeting was a secret one, and requested my signature thereto, and that on my refusal to sign the same, explaining to him that the meeting could not be a secret one, being held in the open Church lighted up where any person was at liberty to attend, he said he did not mean to charge the Church with holding secret meetings and never had done so, but that the proceedings had been enjoined to be kept secret, and on his urging me ("That it was necessary in his defense against charges brought against him by the Church") I signed for him a paper certifying that after said meeting had terminated bro French, the Moderator, had enjoined secrecy on the members present with regard to the proceedings thereof. The above Certificate was given to bro Repiton under a pledge from him that it should in no case be used before the world but only before the Church where he urged it was needed in his defense. And I further certify that in after conversation with bro Repiton I have stated to him that the impression upon my mind when the moderator made the above injunction that it was done out of respect to his (bro Repitons) feelings, for as although , bro Repiton was elected Pastor, as the vote was not a unanimous one, I thought the Moderator might perhaps not wish bro R- to be acquainted with that want of unanimity in his election.

W. Cooke

Being called by business to leave town for the North, I leave the above Certificate with the Clerk of the Baptist Church in Wilmington to make whatever

use of it, it shall in its wisdom see fit in the matter now pending between said Church and bro Repiton, and hereby testify, on a calm review of the course it has taken in the same, my cordial approval of its proceedings, as well for the clearing of its own honour and character as for giving bro Repiton the best opportunity of vindicating himself if he is injured, or retracting anything in which, under misapprehension he may have misrepresented · injured the Church, in all of which proceedings the Church has had my cordial cooperation.

Wm Cooke

Item 2nd

Wilmington, No C. Feby 6th 1845

I hereby certify that the Rev. A. P. Repiton did "during the afternoon of the 28th Jany- 1845 after he had received the communication from the church calling on him for a retraction of his allegations made against her, or a substantiation of the same by testimony &c", in the presence of Mr. J. T. Russ, "request me to acknowledge in writing," the injunction of secrecy upon the Conference meeting held in the Baptist Church in this' place on the evening of the 5th June 1844, asserting his reasons to be, "that the communication required his testimony in writing, which if I refused to give him, I would thereby withold from him that which was his right ; urging at the same time, that I was in honour bound to comply.

D. Cashwell

This will certify that I witnefsed the interview between the Rev. A. P. Repiton & D. Cashwell on the afternoon of the 28th ulto, and that the above statement of it is substantially true.

6th Feby 1845) J. T. Rufs

Item 2nd

I hereby certify that the Rev. A. P. Repiton called on me the 28th July 1845 requesting my signature to an instrument of writing emphatically setting fourth, that the Conference meeting held by the Baptist Church in Wilmington N. C. of June 5th 1844 was a secret one, and when I refused

to comply with his request, he declared "without any qualifications" that I did tell him the day after said meeting, that secrecy was enjoined; at the same time assigning that as my reason for not answering his questions in relation to it.

E. Peterson

Wilmington, N° C, 15th Feby 1845.

Item 3rd

We do hereby certify that the Rev. A. P. Repiton did say that certain members of the Church or a part of the Church had held secret meetings, and now charges such members with denying having told him so.

Chas. D. Ellis

We do hereby certify that those certain members referred to in the above certificate affirm positively that they never did give the Rev. A. P. Repiton such information as he said they did, and that we whose names are hereunto subscribed are the certain members referred to -

D. Cashwell

E. Peterson

Item 4th

We do hereby certify that the same Sabbath evening when the Rev. A. P. Repiton charged the Church, or a part of the Church with holding secret meetings, and of electing a Pastor over his head, he also made such remarks as were calculated to prejudice the poorer members of the Church against those that were weatthin. And that since he ended his labours as Pastor, he has been holding meetings at different places in Wilmington without the sanction or concurrance of the Church, but at times and in a way to appear as opposition to the Church, to which meetings some of the members of this Church has gone to the neglect of their proper place of worship.

We also refer to Col. John McRae's certificate as read by the Rev. A. P.

Repiton on the night of the 10th Feby - 45 as further proof of the schismatic course of conduct pursued by Rev. A. P. Repiton.

A. J. Battle
B. F. Mitchell
E. Peterson
I know of his schismatic course since the --- D. Cashwell
night referred to A. Ellis
N. E. Brickhouse
Jas Stokley
Thos. C. Capps
Chas. D. Ellis
I. Peterson

Item 5th

I do hereby certify that I have heard, at least one gentleman, in Wilmington, say that he was influenced by what the Rev. A. P. Repiton had said to him, to keep away from attendance on the worship of this Church, and that he felt prejudiced against our Pastor.

A. J. Battle

I do hereby certify that I was told by a worthy gentleman in Wilmington that he had kept away from going to the Baptist Church for some time, and felt no disposition to attend it in consequence of the representation made to him (by bro Repiton) of the conduct of said Church to him. And I truly believe, although he now goes to hear bro McDaniel preaching, that he never would have done so but for the influence I used in persuading him to go and hear for himself.

Wm Cooke

Item 6th

We do hereby certify that we have heard the Rev. A. P. Repiton say that our Pastor the Rev. James McDaniel was a hypocrite.

A. J. Battle
I have frequently heard him say it ----------D. Cashwell
Chas D. Ellis

We do hereby certify that on Monday evening 10th Feby 1845 the Rev. A. P. Repiton did publicly in open Conference deny ever having said that the

Rev. J. McDaniel was a hypocrite, and defied any person to say that he had. When the Rev. A. J. Battle instantly rose and declared that he heard him say it. When Rev. A. P. Repiton again denied having said it, When Chas D. Ellis one of the Deacons of the Church rose and declared that he also heard him say it.

D. Cashwell
B. Pattishall
Thos. J. Capps
A. Ellis
Jas Stokley
N. E. Brickhouse
G. R. French
Wm Cooke
I. Peterson

24th Feby 1845

Church met. Conference was duly organized by the Moderator our bro & Pastor McDaniel in the usual way- The bylaws and proceedings of last meeting read; The protest presented at last meeting by Jonatham Ketcham signed by several members, grofsely misrepresenting the proceedings of this Church in her Conference Capacity on the evening of 10th Sept and previous meetings was again read by bro Battle who in a review of the whole document, its spirit and contents, commented on it a great length laying bare the evidently atrocious - and glaring design of its author and advocate. A Resolution offered by J. Ketcham to have said Protest Spread upon the record of this Church was rejected 33 to 6, those voting in favour of the motion having signed it or permitted others to use their names.-

A Resolution that the Clerk should retain a copy of this wonderful production,"viz, the Protest" and return it to the person who offered it prevailed 30 to 1 J. Ketcham voting in the negative.

Sisters Cox, Marine, M Batton, & M Larkins made explanation through the Committee expression of their deep sorrow for having suffered themselves misled, and influenced by the misrepresentation of designers to sign the Protest. Some of them asserting through said Committee that they had never seen the Protest, nor heard it read; which explanation and concessions was recd. by the Church as entirely satisfactory. And they declared excused and fully restored to the fellowship of the Church, and to the enjoyment of all her distinguished rites and privileges.-

Members Stanton Spooner, J. Ketcham, Lewis Hines & Mary Ann Hines being present were called on by the Moderator as follows:- J. Ketcham (who presented the Protest) was requested to say whether he wished a postponement of the matter in reference to his case, that he might have longer time to reflect upon the subject, with a view to try to ascertain his error; and he gave the Church to understand distinctly that his mind was made up, that he intended to cleave to the Protest. Whereupon he was expelled.

Stanton Spooner was then called upon in like manner and he gave the Church to understand distinctly that he should cleave to the Protest. Whereupon he was expelled.

Lewis Hines was then called on in like manner and he distinctly stated his determination to cleave to the protest. Whereupon he was expelled.

Mary Ann Hines was then called on to state whether she intended to occupy the same ground in reference to the matter which those expelled determined to occupy, and she gave the Church distinctly to understand that she did; whereupon she was also expelled.

On motion of Brother Battle the Pastor of the Church offered Prayer for those who had been expelled, that they might be brought to repentance for their misconduct and obtain divine forgivness before they pass into eternity -

A communication from Rev. A. P. Repiton was read by the Clerk who offered a reply to the same, which reply was adopted by the Church. The communication of Rev. A. P. Repiton as Just read, together with the answer to it, was adopted, was then ordered to be recorded.

The Conf. then adjourned to meet first Monday evening in April next, by prayer &c

D. Cashwell CLK

Wilmington Feby 14th 1845

Mr. D. Cashwell

Clerk Baptist Church Wilmington

Sir -

Your communication under date 11th Feby /45 has been received including certain proceedings of the Conf. meeting of "the Baptist Church in in this place, containing some of the principal facts" upon which that Church proposes to arraign me, before the Church at Mount Holly. I was not aware before that in ecclesiastical proceedings Charges Which Required proof, were known as "facts," and being unwilling in the extremity to which you have driven me to reply to any, and every "fact" the fancy of my enemies may present to the brethren at Mt. Holly; in whose piety and Justice I have full confidence. I hereby, demand that I be furnished by the Baptist Church in this place with the charges, specifications under which I am to be arraigned, that I may know what "the Church in this place" complains of. It is I believe usual in all well ordered Churches to furnish the accused a copy of the charge, together with the names of such witness as will be introduced to sustain them. I would feel under superadded obligations to "the Church in this place" if they will furnish me the name of the witness who is to retail private conversation. I shall expect an early answer.

Respectfully &c

A. Paul Repiton

Wilmington 24th Feby 1845

Rev & Dear Sir:

I am instructed by the Baptist Church in this place, to say to you in reply to your letter of the 14th Inst that my communication to you under date of 11th Feby /45 embraced nothing more nor less than the report of the Committee appointed to recommend to the Church what course to pursue in reference to the grievances and the causes as set forth in those several specifications attended to in said report.

I did this that you might be in possession of all that the Church had done, and intended to do, to vindicate herself, and her members from your allegations and conduct towards herself and members.

In that report the church says "these are some of the principle facts that will be laid before our Sister Church at Mt. Holly" because it was not known what else might arise in the progress of the difficulty with you, which might require the action of the Church.

That report speaks of the causes of grievances "as facts" because they are known to the Church "as facts" and because the testimony was at hand to sustain them as such.

The Church as the case now stands, will only present or lay before her sister at Mt. Holly those "facts" which have been communicated to you, as enumerated in that report, and which you may understand to be the "Charges and Specifications" under which you will be "arraigned" before the council of ministers who will be invited by the Church at Mt. Holly to investigate the case, and to advise her what to do.

It is always customary to furnish the "accused" with a copy of the "charges" (which have been done in the present instance) but not to give the names of witness to sustain them. The Church do not comprehend you in reference to "the name of the witness who is to retail private conversation" and therefore cannot reply to your remarks upon that Subject.

Respectfully &c

D. Cashwell CLK

Wilmington, N. C.
March 31, 1845

The Church met in regular Conference, which being organized in the usual way, (prayer by Bro McNabb and Bro McDaniel our Moderator having appointed Bro Battle Clerk pro tem) The By Laws and Covenant was read, and names of members called.

A letter was received and read by the Moderator from Bro Repeton, requesting that the preambles and resolutions of the Church adopted at some

previous meeting of the Church, should, on account of the events which occurred at Mount Holly, be rescinded. On motion the letter was laid on the table to be taken up during the Conference.

The Committee appointed to wait on members whose names were on the protest presented by J. Ketchum reported that they had heard from Sister Sarah Capps, who said she had never seen the protest, and she did not authorize her name to be placed upon it, she wishes to be considered in full fellowship with the Church. On motion Sister Capps was declared in full fellowship with the Church. The Committee appointed to attend Mount Holly Church, was called on to report, when Bro Battle read the report of the Council and requested time to obtain from the Moderator of said Council a report or explanation as to the manner of the adjustment, or settlement which was made, when the Committee would be prepared to report in full. The request was granted. The report as read by Bro Battle was rec^{d} and laid over to be finally acted upon when further explanation should be received from the Council. Bro Repitons letter was then called up when it was agreed upon, that A reply be written Bro Repiton informing him that by the advice of the Council, their report was rec^{d} before the Conference, and will be recorded on our minutes and that we consider this to be A Sufficient Set off to all the former proceedings of the Church in relation to his case, and that we hope this will prove satisfactory to him.

On motion resolved that the Treasurer pay our Sexton from time to time as he may think proper, "as the funds on hand may justify."

On motion Conference meeting adjourned to meet Monday evening before first Sabbath in May, prayer by Bro Battle.

(Signed) A. J. Battle Clerk Pro^{t}

Wilmington, N. C.
April 28th 1845

Church met in regular Conference meeting, prayer by Bro Havens - the bylaws were read and names of members called, the proceedings of last meeting being read, there was a communication received and read by the moderator (Bro McDaniel) from Sisters

Cementina Ketcham	Mary J. Green
Rhody Halsey	Mary Spooner
Nancy Stokley	Talitha Barnes
Pheby Silas	Elizabeth Thally

members of this Church, requesting letters of dismissal, for the purpose of forming A Second Baptist Church, urgeing that in their belief they could be far more useful and do more for the Glory of God in A Second interest; Said communication was ordered to be laid on the Table.

The Clerk was requested to address Sister Susan Redding, at Raleigh forwarding her a letter of Dismission. She desiring to connect herself to the Church in that place. On motion of Bro I Peterson, Resolved that we allow

no application to be made from our Pulpit with a view to raise money for any object or interest beyond the limits of our State, Resolved on motion of Bro Battle that this church send a delegation to represent the Baptist denomination in the contemplated Southern Convention to be held in Georgia. Bro^{s} Havens & McDaniel were appointed said delegates. The Deacons were appointed the Executive Committee of the Church in reference to her finances, disbursements &c Bro French and Battle were appointed a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer.

Nothing further Conference adjourned to meet Monday evening preceeding first Sabbath in June, prayer by Bro Battle.

(Signed) D. Cashwell CIK

Wilmington, N. C.
May 5th 1845

The Church met in regular Conference meeting, pursuant to notice when the meeting was organized with prayer by Bro Battle, Moderator. The object of the meeting, as explained being that of devising means for the support of the ministry in this place. A Subscription list was presented when Breatheran & Sisters evinced by their actions the interest they felt in,' and the importance they attached to the Sacred Cause of religion, by cheerfully and liberally contributing of their Substance for the Support and perpetuation The meeting closed with prayer by Bro French.

D. Cashwell, Ch Clerk

Wilmington, N. C.
May 26th 1845

The Church met in regular monthly Conference, and was organized in the regular way, with the Solemnites of reading the Scripture, prayer &c When the Church proceeded to the transaction of the following business, to wit; "Resolved that the 13th Article of the Bye laws of this church be so amended that the door for reception of members shall be opened at the option of the Pastor or Moderator. The proceedings of last regular Conference was called for and read, when Bro Battle corrected an error in the minutes in reference to the instruction given the Clerk to forward Sister Susan Redding A letter of dismissel, stating that the Clerk was merely requested to write the Church at Raleigh soliciting information as to the Christian Character and Standing of Sister Susan Redding as she desired restoration to the fellowship of this church that she might thereby obtain such letter. The petition presented at last meeting was taken up when it was "Resolved that in the opinion of this Church it is inexpedient to form A Second Baptist Church in Wilmington at present. Further "Resolved that in view of the inexpediency of a Second interest being immediately formed here, the Church cannot grant letters of dismissal to those members presenting the petition. The report of the Treasurer was ordered to be received and handed over to the clerk to be recorded. Bro^{s} Battle & Ellis were appointed to investigate A report in circulation prejudicial to the Christian character of Sister Piner. Bro Farrows case was reported by Bro Bryan who gave evidence of Bro Farrows sorrow for having acted disorderly in any way. Whereupon his (Bro Farrows) desire expressed to the Church through Bro Bryan to be restored to the full

FELLOWSHIP of the church, the motion was made and put, when he was restored unanimously. RESOLVED that sister Polly Moore receive the Sanction of the Church in her enterprise to establish a Sabbath School in the South Eastern limits of the Town, when Bro C. D. Ellis was appointed Superintendent of Said Sabbath School under the Supervision of this church. Bro French was appointed assistant to Bro Battle S S Superintendent. RESOLVED on motion of Bro Ellis that this church appointed two Colored Deacons to Act for the Colored portion of the Church under the Special Supervision of the Pastor & white members. Bro Harry Burgwin & March Walker were chosen said deacons & Chas Roberson and Mingo Eagles assistants. RESOLVED that the Colored members hold their Conference on the last Sabbath in each month at 3 o'clock P. M. The Church resolved to hold a Social meeting on Wednesday evening in each week at private houses for prayer and Spiritual Conversation, exortation &c first meeting appointed at the invitation of Bro I. Peterson at his house on Wednesday evening, 20th May 1845. On motion Conf. adjourned to meet Monday evening preceeding first Sunday in July next. Prayer & Benediction by Bro McDaniel.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, ch Clerk

The following is the Report of E. Peterson, Treasurer of the Church imbracing an account of all monies received and disbursed by him since 2nd Feby. 1845 with balance on hand and subject to the order of the Church as examined and approved by the Committee appointed for said purpose, viz. Bros A. J. Battle & G. R. French.

Received Contributions for the Poor	$20.17
" " for contingencies	41.45
" " Home Missions & Education	56.65
" " Sabbath School	.56
" " Pastor	153.70
	$272.53

DISBURSED

Amt. Paid to Poor	$14.71	
" " Contingencies	33.69	
" " H.M. & Education	56.65	
" " Pastor	100.00	

Remaining in hands of Treasurer

BALANCE due Poor	5.46	
" " Contingencies	7.76	
" " S School	.56	
" " Pastor	53.70	$272.53

(Signed) D. Cashwell ch clk

WILMINGTON, N. C.)
) The Church met in regular Conference - was opened with
June 30th 1845) reading the Scripture, Singing & prayer as usual. The names of members were called and bye laws read when "After the reading of the minutes of the last Conference" the Church proceeded to act upon the unfinished business, viz. - The case of Sister Piner, the Committee appointed to investigate the charge or reports which had been circulated to her prejudice, Stated that she expressed much sorrow and penitance for any improprietys of which she might have been guilty, but that the charge upon which she had been arrainged and Censored was entirely unfounded, and that she desired to be fully restored to the fellowship of the Church, which request was granted. On nomination Bro Battle was appointed to write the Associational letter to be submitted at the next Conference for the approval of the Church. Bro Bryant offered his resignation as Vigilent Committeeman, when upon its reception, Bro I. Peterson was appointed in his stead. No further business appearing the conference adjourned to meet Monday evening preceeding first Lord's Day in August next, with prayer and benediction by Bro McDaniel-

(Signed) D. Cashwell CIK

Wilmington N. C.)
) A Conference was held by the Colored portion of the Church.
July 27th 1845) Which was opened as usual, by reading the Scriptures, Singing and prayer. Bro French presiding as Moderator when the covenant and bye Laws of the Church were read and door for membership opened. March Quince and Stephen Dudley presenting themselves received for Baptism upon a relation of their experience and hope in Christ. The Clerk was requested to address the First Baptist Church , Richmond, V. A. by way of application for A letter for Betsey Norris colored member who desires to connect herself with the Church. She states that she has been absent from Richmond nearly three years. The proceedings of last Conference were read, when Sister Elizabeth Newbeys case came up, was reported upon by Bro Charles who stated that she was professedly penetant for her conduct, but being herself absent her case was laid over with the view that she might appear in person at the next Conference, and make her application for restoration, in person. The meeting then adjourned by prayer by Bro E. Peterson.

(signed) D. Cashwell, C. C.

Wilmington, N. C.)
) The Church met in regular Conference. Meeting opened as
July 28th 1845) usual with reading the Scriptures, Singing and prayer. Bro McDaniel in the Chair. The door for membership being opened Sister Caroline McKay was received in full fellowship by letter. Sister Sarah Larkins also made application in person being unable from peculiar circumstances to obtain A letter from the Church of which she had been A member. She was received into full fellowship. The records of last Conference was then read, when Bro Battle presented and read the Associational letter, which was approved. Bro^{s} C. D. Ellis, I. Peterson & G. R. French were chosen delegates to represent the Church in our next Association to be held at Lebanon.

Bro McDaniel & Bro Battle were chosen exofficio members of said Association. $2.50 Dolls. were ordered to be sent to aid in the expense of printing, the Minutes &c of the association, also $10 Doll. was ordered to be sent for the support of the itinerancy - ordered further that this Church tender the Association an invitation for her next Season (that of 1846) to be held in this place. A query was adopted to be submitted to the Association by this Church, whether it is consistant with christianity and with the spirit of the Gospel for members of a Baptist Church to traffic in ardent spirits. The Clerk presented and read the report of the Treasurer when Bros Battle & Ellis were appointed to examine said report. Bro McDaniel requested leave of absence for four weeks during the month of September which was granted. At the suggestion of Bro McDaniel it was agreed upon that the Sabbath evening Services should be changed from 8 to 5 o'clock until the first of October. No further business appearing the meeting adjourned to meet Monday evening preceeding first Lord's day in October, prayer by Bro Battle, benediction by Bro McDaniel.

(Signed) D. Cashwell C. C.

Wilmington, N. C.)
) The colored Conference met , the meeting being organ-
Aug. 31, 1845) ized by Bro Battle the Moderator and door for member-
ship opened. Frank Dudley, Parish Pickett and London Sanders offered and upon A relation of their experiences were received for Baptism. The Church Covenant and proceedings of last Conference were read. Sister Elizabeth Vautts case being the only matter for consideration upon the record. She presented herself, made all necessary acknowledgements, professed sorrow for past misconduct, and with earnestness declared her determination to live for the Lord and for His cause by the aid of the divine Spirit, whereupon she was excused and restored to full fellowship. Jenny Smith formerly a member of the church in Beaufort, S. C. applied for membership, who, having no letter from that church was advised to apply through the Clerk for dismissal from said Beaufort Church, for the purpose of connecting herself with the Church here. No further business the Conference adjourned to meet Sabbath afternoon preceeding first Lord's day next October. Benediction by Bro Battle.

(Signed) D. Cashwell C. C.

Wilmington, N. C.)
) The Church met in regular monthly Conference. The
Sep^{t} 29th 1845) meeting being duly organized by reading the Scriptures,
Singing, & prayer by Bro McDaniel, Moderator. The bye laws of the Church and record of last Conference were read. Whereupon motion of Bro I. Peterson (after an opportunity was offered to any wishing to connect themselves with the Church and Mr. John Moore who had received A letter from Mt. Holly Church, and having retained it, not offering it to any church , was subsequently dealt with by said Church and expelled, offered his letter which he had still in possession, to this church, the church refusing any action upon his case) the Church passed an order reciding the action of last Conference appointed delegates to the Association, upon which Bros McDaniel, Battle, & French were delegates to represent

THIS church at Lebanon. Bro I. Peterson & C. D. Ellis alternates. The Church instructed the delegates to act as in their wisdom they think best in the event that an effort is made to alter the Constitution of the Association. The Query adopted at last Conference touching the trafic of ardent spirits was ordered to be expunged from the records and not offered to the Association. Sister Elizabeth Denny applied through Bro Bryant for A letter of dismission which was granted. No further business appearing, the Conference adjourned to meet Monday evening preceeding first Sabbath in November. Prayer and benediction by Bro McDaniel.

(Signed) D. Cashwell C. C.

Wilmington, N. C.)
) A regular Conference of the Colored part of the Church
October 26th 1845) was held. The meeting was opened as usual by Bro McDaniel, Moderator; after which the Committee of Vigilance reported Bro Anderson as having been guilty of very wicked and provokingly obstinate conduct, that of Violent abuse of his wife and of refusing to receive the admonition of brethren. He was ordered to be cited to attend next Conference meeting, that he might answer to said charge in person. Ned who was implicated in the same matter was also ordered to be cited in the case. No further business appearing the meeting adjourned, with the request that the Colored part of the Church shall attend the next Conference to be held the last Sabbath afternoon in Nov 1845, with prayer & Benediction by Bro McDaniel.

(Signed) D. Cashwell

WILMINGTON, N. C.)
) The Church met in regular Conference, when the meeting
October 27th 1845) was duly organized with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer by the Moderator Bro McDaniel. The customary form of calling the names of members, reading the byelaws, records &c being gone through with, the Church appointed Bro I. Peterson to notify Bro Barnes to attend the next Conference. Nothing further of interest claimed the attention and action of the meeting - adjourned to meet Monday evening preceeding first Lords day in December - with prayer and Benediction by Bro McDaniel.

(Signed) D. Cashwell CK

Wilmington, N. C.)
) A regular Conference was held for the Colored members of
Nov. 30th 1845) the Church. Bro McDaniel Moderator. The meeting being duly organized with reading the Scriptures, Singing, & prayer as usual. Business proceeded as follows - Bro Anderson whose conduct was represented at last Conference as being inconsistent - was present. He was called on to answer the charges, he answered for himself, whereupon motion Bro Mingo being absent, the case was laid over to be acted upon at next meeting. No further business appearing the meeting closed - prayer & Benediction by Brother McDaniel.

(Signed) D. Cashwell

Wilmington, N. C.)
) The Church met in regular Conference - when the
December 1st 1845) meeting was duly opened with the usual solemnities of reading the Scriptures, Singing and prayer, Bro McDaniel Moderator. An invitation was offered for any who might desire to connect themselves with the Church, when two sisters from Bethel Church, Brunswick County, presented themselves with letters of recommendation Certifying that they were in good standing in their own Church, upon which they were cordially recognized as members of the denomination in good standing - The records of last meeting being also read Bro Barnes case came up. He was suspended from the privileges of the Church. Whereupon the Clerk was instructed to inform him of the suspension. The Committee of Vigilance presented Sister Thally as subject to the dealings of the Church on account of expressions which she had made use of in Conference several months ago - that she was done with the Church, as she was absent her case was laid over until next meeting. The chairman of the Committee of Vigilence reported Sister Rhoda Halsey, charging her with having represented Bro McDaniel our Pastor as A liar - the evidence of her guilt being overwhelming, she was unanimously expelled from the church for the malicious attempt to slander Bro McDaniel. Bro Battle applied for letters of Dismission for himself - Wife & daughter which were granted. The Church agreed to hold A monthly Covenant meeting at which all the members are affectionately invited to attend. The first to be held at Bro McDaniel's House by invitation, next Monday evening. Bro Battle offered his resignation which being accepted Bro Mitchell was appointed S. S. Superintendent. Conference then adjourned to meet Monday evening preceeding 1st Lord's Day in Jany next - with prayer and Benediction.

D. Cashwell C. C.

Wilmington, N. C.)
) A regular Conference was held for the Colored
December 28th 1845) members of the Church - The meeting being organized with the usual Solemnities by Bro McDaniel, Moderator. The bye laws and records of last meeting were read &c - Bro Anderson's case was called. On motion the matter was laid over for future action, Bro Mingo being absent as in the former case. Nothing further being presented the meeting closed with prayer &c

D. Cashwell CLK

The Church met in regular Conference Monday evening preceeding first Sabbath in January 1846. The meeting being organized with usual solemnities of reading the Scriptures, Singing and prayer by Bro McDaniel, Moderator. The by Laws and records of last meeting Read &c the unfinished business was called up & ordered to be laid over for future action, when upon motion by Bro Bryan "RESOLVED unanimously that the male members of the Church constitute A committee of ways & means to which shall be refered all the minor business of the Church. Said Committee to select their own time and place for Conference. The Church proceeded then by requesting Bro McDaniel to yield the chair to the Clerk which was

promptly acceeded to - to offer an expression of her feelings towards and approbation of Bro McDaniel & his Pastorial Service during his eventful charge over this branch of God's Zion, which was manifested by cheerful and feeling responses from many brethren in lucid and appropriate remarks, and finally, more gratifyingly full, by a unanimous and affectionate invitation to him to remain with us as our Pastor, underlying the fond hope, that as he has shared with us in our afflictive troubles, that we may all, Pastor and People yet ere long, share together & with each other, a refreshing from the presence of the great Shepperd of our Souls.

Conference adjourned to next regular meeting, prayer & Benediction by our beloved Pastor the Moderator.

D. Cashwell, CLK

Wilmington, N. C.)
) A Conference of the Colored Members was held this
Jany 26th 1846) Sabbath afternoon, at which, after the meeting was
---opened with the usual Solemnities of reading the Scriptures, Singing & Prayer, the cases of Bro. Anderson & Edward was called. And upon good evidence of their guilt, and the manifest indication that they entirely disregarded the admonitions of the Church they were solemly expelled from the Church.

Agreed that the monthly collections for the Poor taken from the Colored brethren be left to the distribution of the Colored Deacons. Bro Isaac Carpenter was chosen Treasurer. Adjourned.

D. Cashwell

A regular Conference of the Church was held Monday evening preceeding first Sabbath in February 1846. The meeting was opened with reading the Scriptures, Singing & prayer. The opportunity was offered when Mr. Pugh presented himself for membership and was unanimously received for Baptism. The report of the Conference was then read and sanctioned. Bro Barnes was fully restored to fellowship. Sister Thally's case was agreed to be deferred still longer. The financial concerns of the Church for the past year all settled up. Sisters Nichols & Cox were granted permission to occupy the House on Church lot, till further orders. Bro Guin was expelled upon the charge of drunkenness, and profanity. The case of Sister Cannon & Daughter was laid over to next meeting. The Committee of Vigilance resigned, whereupon Bros. Simpson, Bishop, Cook, French & Bryan were appointed to Said Vigilent Committee for the present year. The meeting adjourned to the next regular Conference with Prayer, Benediction, &c.

D. Cashwell CLK

Wilmington, N. C.)
) The Colored members of the Church met in regular Conference,
Feby 22nd 1846) organized by reading the Scriptures, Singing & Prayer &c.
As usual, the records of last meeting were read, upon which no unfinished business appearing, A motion unanimously prevailed appointing Bro Charles to the Superintendance of the distribution of ~~the Contribution~~ of the Colored members of the Church. There appearing no particular business

engaging the attention of the meeting the members enjoyed A season of exortation and Devotional exercises which continued to some length. The meeting adjourned with Benediction &c

D. Cashwell CLK

WILMINGTON, N. C.

The Church met in regular Conference Monday evening preceeding first Lord's day in March 1846. The meeting was duly organized as usual, with reading the Scriptures, Singing & prayer. The Executive Committee reported the application for Baptism of Miss Angelina Nix & Miss Ann Sintas. The credance given by them of A work of converting grace upon their hearts being satisfactory they were both unanimously received.

The case of Sister Cannon & Daughter being the next business in order, as presented by the Committee, the Conference having received & presented A confession of penetance from these Sisters and their desire to be retained, the Church freely forgave and agreed to retain them with the understanding that (they) were not to be allowed the privilege of communing until it be seen by further evidence that their reformation is sincere. No further business claiming the attention of the Conference it closed with prayer & benediction.

D. Cashwell Clk.

Sabbath mroning, March 15, 1846, Church convened and granted Bro Dupre the priviledge of appealing to the Congregation in behalf of the Bible. Bro L. Wright was granted A letter of Dismission.

The Church met in regular Conference Monday evening preceeding first Sabbath in April, 1846. The meeting was duly organized with the solemnities of reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer by Bro McDaniel the Moderator. When the report of the executive committee was presented and read, recommending for restoration to the Church Mrs. Williams whose application seemed to be sincerely characterized by the spirit of christianity, upon motion she was unanimously restored to full fellowship. An opportunity was offered, any wishing to connect themselves with the church, no one presenting themselves, the meeting on motion adjourned to meet on Monday evening preceeding first Lords day in May next - by prayer & benediction.

D. Cashwell CLK

BAPTIZED

Sister Boie
Sister Ann Sintas
Bro Pugh

The Colored members of the Church met in Conference Sabbath Afternoon preceeding first Sabbath day in May 1846. The meeting being duly organized with the usual solemnities. The records of last meeting were read, when

there being no unfinished business claiming consideration and nothing new to be introduced. After some interchange of views the meeting adjourned.

D. Cashwell

The Church met Monday evening preceeding first Sabbath in May, 1846. Which was duly organized with the usual Holy Solemnities of reading the Scriptures, Singing & prayer. After which the Church Covenant being read, the Executive Committee presented and recommended the application for connection with the Church the following persons:

John D. Smaw & wife
Mr. Thompson & wife
Mrs. Farrow

All of whom, the evidence of their having experienced A change of heart being full and satisfactory, were unanimously received to the Holy ordinance of Baptism. Nothing further claiming attention the Conference closed with prayer and benediction.

D. Cashwell CLK

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at Bro McDaniel's house Monday evening, 11th May 1846, which being organized with the usual solemnities proceeded to the consideration of such business as might claim attention, when an application made by Bro Cooke on behalf of the Rechobites for the use of the House was discussed and withdrawn. Bro I. Peterson & J. D. Smaw appointed to raise the necessary money to entitle this church to A representation in the Convention to be held in Richmond next June. The Conference adjourned in the usual way. Met again Monday evening 25th May, at which time Mrs. Barton presented herself as an applicant for membership in the Church. The evidence of her fitness for the Holy ordenances of Gods House being fully satisfactory the Conference agreed unanimously to recommend her to the Church. Upon the reading of the records of the previous meeting the case of Sister Thally came up. Upon the reply she made to the Committee appointed to cite her , the Conference agreed to recommend her expulsion.

29 March 1846

Betsey Robbins)
Phillis Robbins) Received & Baptised
Julia Blanks)

The Church met in Conference at Bro McDaniel's house 20th July 1846. After being duly organized with the usual solemnities of reading the Scripture, singing , prayer &c. A committee was appointed to prepare and effect tentable arrangements for the accomodation of the Delegates to the Association to consist of Bros C. D. Ellis, R. Simpson, J. Stokley, J. D. Smaw, J. J. Bryant, & I. Peterson, and Bro Mitchell was appointed write the Associational letter. The meeting then resolved itself into A Committee of the whole for the purpose of enquiring into the expenses of improving the Church lot and of laying out and preparing a graveyard. The Committee then adjourned with benediction by Bro McDaniel.

D. Cashwell

26th July 1846

The Colored members of the Church held A regular Conference this afternoon which being duly organized with Bro McDaniel moderator, proceeded to business as follows: A door being opened for reception of members the following persons presented themselves for membership, Viz. Richard Reed & John Wilson. The relation which they gave of their experience of a work of grace upon their harts, their hope & faith in the Saviour being Satisfactory they were rec^{d} to the ordinance of baptism. Closed with the benediction.

D. Cashwell

26th July 1846 - Sabbath Afternoon

The executive committee met at Bro McDaniel's organized with reading the scriptures & prayer, after which Bro B.Hallett presented his letter for connection with the church. Upon examination Bro Hallett made statement to the Comm. respecting his trials and conflicts since he professed A hope in the Saviour, together with his ommissions and commissions and of his sorrow for misconduct, as well as of his desire for the future to lead a Godly life and well ordered life, of his convictions that it was his duty to endeavour to walk in the Holy ordenances of the Church, Such as were very gratifying and satisfactory to the committee & such as warrent them in their judgement, in recommending him to the Church for A cordial reception into full fellowship. Nothing further appearing, Committee adjourned with Benediction.

D. Cashwell C. CLK

Wilmington, N. C.)
) The church met Thursday evening preceeding first
August 1st 1846) Lords day in August 1846 in regular Conference, which being duly organized with the usual solemnities of reading the Scriptures, Singing & Prayer, when after reading the record of previous Conference meeting the case of Sister Thally came up for consideration. She was unanimously expelled. Then application of Bro Benjamin Hallett being then presented to the church, he was unanimously received to membership in the Church. The application by letter of Bro and Sister Cross from the Raleigh Church was acted on. They were unanimously received. On motion by Bro Bryant the church set apart the afternoon of the first Sabbath in each month for A concert meeting for prayer for the spread and support of the Gospel. Bro Mitchell appointed to write the Church Letter to the Association.

A meeting of the executive committee was held at Bro McDaniel's House the afternoon of 26th of Sept 1846, opened with reading the Scriptures & prayer by the chairman,Bro McDaniel. The Church Letter was read and approved and Bros McDaniel, Bryant, & C. D. Ellis appointed delegates to represent the church in the Association to meet in Wilmington 2^{d} October next. Bro French alternate - appropriation made of $2. 50/100 Dolls. to pay for the

printing of Minutes and $10 Dolls for the Itenerancy. The Committee resolved that for the future the Colored Congregation should occupy the gallery for their afternoon Services instead of the lower floor. No further business appearing the Committee adjourned By prayer and Benediction.

D. Cashwell

A Conference of the Colored members of the Church was held Sabbath Afternoon of 27th Sept. 1846. Opened with reading Scriptures, Singing & Prayer. The Committee of Vigilance was instructed to enquire into A charge Alledged against Bro Thally Quince of Disorderly Conduct and to report at next meeting. Adjourned by prayer & Benediction.

D. Cashwell CIK

The Church met in regular Conference Monday evening 28th Sept. 1846. Which being opened with the usual solemnities of reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer proceeded to business in the following order to wit: Proceedings of previous meetings were read together with the Church Letter which being amended was approved. Bros McDaniel, Bryant, & C. D. Ellis were appointed delegates to represent this church in the Association to meet in Wilmington 2d October next. Bro French appointed alternate. $2.50 sent up to the Association as this Associational fund and $10 for the Iteneracy. The Conference ordered the Colored Congregation should meet in the gallery during their afternoon Services as formerly. Conference adjourned with prayer & Benediction.

D. Cashwell CIK

The Colored members of the Church met in regular conference Sabbath Afternoon of 25th Oct. 1846. Opened as usual with reading the Scripture singing & prayer. The names of members were called and record of last meeting read which called up the case of Bro Thally Quince. The committee reported that they had seen him and conversed with him in reference to the charge prefered against him. He professed penitance to the committee for improper conduct and was unanimously acquitted and restored to full fellowship No further business appearing the meeting adjourned with prayer and Benediction.

D. Cashwell Clk

The executive committee of the Church met at Bro McDaniel's house Monday afternoon 26th October 1846. The committee organized by reading the Scriptures & prayer. The record of the last regular meeting was then read. After which the Committee of Vigilence reported the disorderly conduct of Sister Dicy Cannon the charge being an excessive use of intoxicating liquors, whereupon A committee consisting of brethren Mitchell & I. Peterson were appointed to wait on her and inquire of her in referance to the matter. The Committee further reported the existance of A difficulty between Brethren J.D . Smaw and James Stokley. Brethren Ellis, French, and Cashwell were appointed to investigate the case. Resolved on motion of Bro Ellis that the financial affairs of the Church be presented to the regular meeting of the Church this evening.On motion Resolved that we adjourn to Friday next by prayer and Benediction.

D. Cashwell

The Church met in regular Conference Monday evening 26th Oct 1846. The meeting being regularly organized by reading the Scripture, Singing and prayer. Sister Margaret Ann Parker presented A letter for membership from the Raleigh church. She was unanimously received.

The record of the last regular meeting was read, after which the financial affairs of the Church was presented to the Conference.

Nothing further appearing Conference adjourned.

(Signed) D. Cashwell

The Executive Committee of the Church met at Bro McDaniel's first Monday evening in November 1846. The Committee being duly organized with reading the Scriptures and prayed. The special committee appointed to investigate and report upon the difficulty between Brethren Smaw & Stokley, presented their report, recommending the suspencion of Bro Smaw from the privilege of communion until such time as the matter should be settled to the satisfaction of the Church, which was adopted. No further business claiming the action of the meeting it adjourned with prayer and the benediction.

D. Cashwell

The Colored members of the Church met in Conference Sabbath afternoon 29th Nov. 1846. The meeting being duly opened. Dawson Dudley presented himself for membership, after an examination of his religious experience and the evidence that he had received A change of heart, he was admitted to the Holy ordinance of Baptism. The Conference closed with the usual solom exercises.

(Signed) D. Cashwell

The Church met in regular Conference Monday evening proceeding the first Sabbath in Decr 1846. The meeting was organized with reading the Scriptures, Singing & prayer. After which the proceedings of the last meeting of the Conference was read imbracing their report upon the difficulty between brethren Smaw and Stokley, which matter, was, upon motion refered back to said Executive Committee, the Conference being apprized that Bro Smaw wishes to make A suggestion and to offer reasons and explanations. Bro McDaniel the moderator read A letter of dismission presented by L. D. Cherry, who applyed through his letter for membership in this church, when on motion he was unanimously received. Resolved on motion that Wednesday evening of each week to be appointed for improvement in singing. Conference adjourned by prayer and Benediction by Bro McDaniel.

(Signed) D. Cashwell

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held at Bro McDaniel's Monday evening the 25th of Jany 1847, and duly organized with the usual religious solemnities. The specific object of the meeting being to know and consider the religious experience of any who might wish to connect themselves with this church. Mr. Sholar related his religious experience and expressed with great apparent candor and simplicity in connection with his hope in the merits of the Savour, his desire to

serve and glorify Him by yealding obedience to his commands and walk in the ordinance of his Church. The Conferonce satisfied from his evidence of A change from nature to grace, that he is A fit subject for baptism and as such would recommend his application to the sanction of the Church. At a subsequent meeting of the Conference held for the same purpose it was the Conference joy to hear the affecting relation given by Mr. & Mrs. Erhart and Mrs. Fowlers (application for membership) of A work of grace upon their hearts. We can truly say that whether we were warmed by the same heavenly flame that animated their hopes or not, yet we do know that our hearts were made glad - we felt that it was good for us to be there. They were unanimously received. The Committee takes great pleasure in reporting to the Church the amicable and satisfactory adjustment of the difficulty which has for some time existed between Smaw & Stokley - What A pleasant thing it is for brethren to live together in Love, thereby keeping the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace. Have we not great cause brethren, to bless God for the measure of peace and unanimity that abounds amongst us? Have we not just reason to believe that he is only waiting our readiness to visit us with A gracious outpouring of his blessed holy spirit? Pray for the peace and prosperity of his Spiritual Jerusalem. Closed by prayer, praise and the benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell CLK

The Colored members of the Church met in regular Conference Sabbath afternoon 31 Jany 1847. Organized with reading , singing and prayer. Bro Ellis, moderator. Received by experience Spicer Stills. Received by letter Louiza Dudley & Betsey Norvill. It was stated at the Conference that Anderson who had been expelled was desirous of being restored to the Church. Whereupon it was recommended by the moderator that the brethren look into the matter and report at the next regular meeting. The meeting then closed with the usual solemnities.

D. Cashwell

Wilmington, N. C.)
) The Executive Committee met pursuant to appointment, at Bro McDaniel's this evening. Which being duly organized with reading the scriptures, prayer and praise, proceeded to the consideration and transaction of the annual business, in accordance with the By laws, of filling the subordinate Church Officers for the current year. When the following Brethren were chosen,viz:
Monday 22nd Feby 1847)

D. Cashwell Clerk
E. Peterson Treasurer
B. F. Mitchell S. S. Superintendent

B. F. Mitchell. E. Peterson & John Farrow Vigilant Committee. The meeting closed by prayer and the Benediction.

D. Cashwell Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.)
) The Colored members of the Church met in Conference this afternoon, when, after the meeting was duly opened in the usual way by reading the Scripture, singing and prayer. No special business appearing, Bro March suggested the propriety of having the Sacramental Service
Sabbath afternoon, 28th Feby /47)

administered to them at their homes, during sickness and inability to attend the celebration of the Lords Supper at the Sanctuary, which subject being discussed at some length was droped, having no Acriptural Authority for Departing from the ways of the denomination as practiced heretofore under the expressed command of the word of God. - No further business claiming the attention of the meeting, it closed with prayer and the benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
Monday 1st March 1847

The Church met in regular Conference this evening at 1/2 past 7 o'clock. The meeting being opened by reading the Scriptures singing and prayer. The executive Comt. reported the proceedings of the last meeting which was unanimously sanctioned and adopted. After which Brother Wm. Cook petitioned for a Letter of dismission from the Church, when after some feeling remarks by the moderator - The question was taken and the petition granted. At request of the Clerk the Church assisted in correcting the Catalogue of members as the(y) stand enrolled on the Book. After which the Conference adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the moderator.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, No. Car.
March 28th 1847

The Col^{d} members of the Church met this afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Conference was regularly organized with the usual solemnities and religious ceremonies. On motion by Harry, Bro. Charles Roberson was appointed to ascertain the condition of Sister Venius Howe, and to make the necessary provision for her comfort by appealing to the sympathies of the brethren in her behalf. Bro. Guitier presented himself for membership, related his experiences, which being fully satisfactory he was unanimously received for Baptism.

On motion of Bro. Charles "Resolved that A Collection be taken from the members every Sabbath afternoon, save the First in each month, for the purpose of paying something to the minister. Nothing further claiming attention the meeting adjourned with prayer and benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N^{o}. C^{ar}
May 30th 1847

The Col^{d} members of the Church met in regular conference, opened with reading & Prayer. Bro. Charles reported progress in relation to the duties assigned him at the Last Meeting. Bro. Harry reported that there were several devious persons in this part of the congregation. Sister Elizabeth Vault was expelled. Bro. Charles was appointed to notify her of the same. Adjourned with prayer & benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N^{o} C^{ar}
June 25th 1847

The Executive Committee met this evening at Bro. McDaniels which organized by reading the Scriptures & Prayer. Bro. Ellis moved that the Church organize A School for the oral instruction of the Col^{d} part of the Congregation. The motion was adopted, and Bro. Smaw chosen Superintendent. Closed with prayer & the benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N^{o} C^{ar}
June 27th 1847

The Col^{d} members of the church met in regular Conference this afternoon. The meeting opened by reading and Prayer, after which the names of members was called, and previous proceedings read. The Com^{t}. of Vigilance then reported that there were those present who felt concerned upon the subject of Salvation. An opportunity being offered for such to make it manifest by presenting themselves for prayer. Quite a respectable number professed to humble themselves at the throne of Grace,' prayer being made for them by Bro. Harry. Bro. Ellis announced to the Conference that Bro. Smaw had been appointed superintendent of A. Sabbath School for the benefit of the Coloured portion of the congregation. There appearing no other business the Conf. closed with prayer, praises and the benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
July 1st 1847

The church met this evening in regular Conference. The meeting was organized by reading the scriptures praise and prayer. After which the resolution presented by the executive Com. was presented and adopted, Viz. Resolved that this Church organize A Sabbath School in the Col^{d} Congregation for instructing them in the Scriptures orally, and that Bro. J. D. Smaw be Superintendent of the same. Nothing further appearing, meeting adjourned as usual.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C. Monday
Preceeding First Sabbath in Aug. 1847

The church met in regular Conference this evening, was duly organized by reading the scriptures, praise and prayer, when the Clerk was appointed to write the Church letter to the Association. Brethren Jas. McDaniel, C. D. Ellis & D. Cashwell were chosen delegates to represent this church in the approaching Association to be held at Harnetts Chapell, and brethren French, Hallett & Smaw alternates. Nothing further appearing adjourned to meet again on Monday evening immediately preceeding first Sunday in October next. Mrs. Margaret Jones was also received & baptized.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
Sept. 27th 1847

The church met in regular Conference this evening, and was organized by reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer by Bro. Bryan, Moderator Pro Tem. After which the Clerk, who had been personally appointed to said duty, presented A Letter for the association, which was read, received, approved and adopted, and ordered to be sent by the delegates to the Association together with 3$ for the contingent fund, for printing minutes &c, and 10$ for itinerant purposes. The Church Resolved that the Expenses of the delegates to and from the Association should be paid from the funds of the church. Bro. Luther Wright presented himself, requesting the Church to grant him License to preach the Gospel, with remarks explanatory of the motive that enfluenced him; But the Church, having never heard him exercise his ministerial gifts, recommended that his application be submitted to the ensueing Session of the Association to be referred by that body to such Council or Committee as may be competent to act judiciously in the matter. The Church did not feel fully authorized to License Bro. Wright for the reasons specified, particularly in the absence of her pastor. Adjourned.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
October 31st 1847

At A meeting of the executive committee held at Bro. McDaniels this afternoon, opened by reading the scriptures & prayer, Bro. John Craige was reported as having been guilty of Drunkeness; whereupon the circumstances being stated the chairman of the Vigelant Committee was instructed to notify him that it is regarded in the light of a public transgression, and therefore, his confsssions and acknowledgements of penitence if he has any to make ought to be made to the church committee. Adjourned by prayer & benediction.

Signed D. Cashwell, Clk.

The Col^{d} Conference met the same day, opened in the usual way, at which Edward Eagle & Anderson Winder were restored to fellowship with the church and Jas Horne, Patsy Gibbs & Lucy Lee were rec^{d} to the Holy ordanance of Baptism upon A profession of their faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Nothing further appearing for consideration - adjourned.

Signed D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
November 1, 1847

A meeting of the Church in regular Conference, was held this evening being organized in the usual way of reading the Scriptures, praise and prayer, at which the action of the executive committee in reference to the case of Bro. J. Cross was approved and adopted as A Church action. No further business appearing the meeting closed with praise and the benediction.

(Signed0 D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
November 28, 1847

A meeting of the Col[d] members of the Church was held this afternoon for the transaction of business, and after being duly organized in the usual way Anthony Dudley stated his experience, where upon he was received for Baptism. Meeting closed by Prayer and Benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

At a special meeting of the Church in Conference held immediately after service on Sabbath 13th Decr. 1847, it being duly organized for business. A letter of Dismission was granted Bro. Luther Wright and his wife for the purpose of connecting with the Baptist Church of our Faith & order in some other place, as they are about to remove from us. Nothing further appearing the meeting closed as usual.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
Decer. 17th 1847

A regular meeting of the executive Committee held at Bro. McDaniels School Room was duly organized by reading the Scriptures & prayer. The first business claiming attention being the charge against Bro. Jno Craige. Bro. Mitchell reported that he had seen and conversed with Bro. Craige, and that he (Bro C.) expressed sorrow for his course, whereupon, on motion of Bro. French the matter of Bro. Craige the matter was posponed to the regular Conference, where and when the Church will be pleased to receive and consider his exercises of mind. The evidence being conclusive that Sister Dicy Cannon who was suspended some two years ago for intemperance and profanity, continues to indulge in this degrading practice, And giving over all reasonable hope of reformation, the Committee agreed to recommend her final expulsion from the membership of the Church. The Committee adjourned with prayer.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

The above report and recommendation of the Committee was sanctioned as A Church Action by the regular Conference held Monday evening preceeding the First Sabbath in January One Thousand Eight Hundred & forty eight.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
February 10th 1848

The executive Committee met this evening at the Church after prayer meeting and adjourned without maturing and business.

On Sabbath Afternoon 20th February, 1848
The following persons were baptised having been received at a previous meeting, Viz:

Angeline Nix
Bro. Carter
Jim Moore

Wilmington, North Carolina
February 21st 1848

The Executive Committee met at the School Room this evening, which being organized with the appropriate Solemnities proceeded to business when the following Persons were nominated as Trustees of the Church, Viz:

Chas D. Ellis	John Hewlett
B. F. Mitchell	N. E. Brickhouse
George R. French	D. Cashwell

I. Peterson

At the suggestion of Bro. McDaniel it was resolved that it is the opinion of the Committee, that expediency requires that the Church should appoint two additional white deacons. The above resolution was laid over to the next meeting of the Committee. Recommended by the Committee the following appointments -

D. Cashwell, Clerk
E. Peterson, Treasurer
B. F. Mitchell, S. S. S.

Recommended that there be a Committee be appointed to investigate the matter between Brethren Bryan & Stokley and report to The executive Committee at its next meeting.

Signed D. Cashwell

Wilmington, N° Car
Feby 27th 1848

The colored members of the Church held their regular Conference this afternoon, organized with the Solemnities of reading the Scriptures, prayer &c, at which time and in said order, and Church capacity received by letter Bro. Charles and his wife as members in full fellowship, dismissed by a Baptist Church in Onslow County this State. Also Lidia Poisson presented a certificate from her owner permitting her connection with the Church. Conference closed with prayer.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N° Ca
Feby 28th 1848

The Church met this evening in regular Conference. Opened by reading the Scriptures, prayer &c. When the recommendation of The executive Committee relative to the appointment of Trustees was considered. And being debated at much length (Bro. J. J. Bryan opposed to the measure) The meeting adjourned, having accomplished nothing, to meet in executive Committee tomorrow (Thursday evening) at the School Room.

Prayer, praise, &c.

(Signed_ D. Cashwell

Wilmington, N. C.
Feby 29th 1848

The executive Committee met this evening at the School Room, when it was opened with The appropriate Solemnities of reading the

Scriptures and prayer. After which The Committee proceeded to consider the question touching the appointment of Trustees for the Church. On motion of the Clerk, brethren French, Bryan, Mitchell, Brickhouse and I. Peterson were appointed as Trustees to be confirmed by the Church. The meeting adjourned by praise, &c.

Signed D. Cashwell

At A Called meeting of the Church on Thursday evening preeceding first Sabbath in March 1848, regularly organized for the transaction of Business in A Conference Capacity, The recommendations of the executive Committee in reference to the appointment as Trustees for the Church of the Brethren named in the proceedings of said Committee were confirmed. Nothing further claiming the attention of the Conference the meeting adjourned with praise and the benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
March 26th 1848

The executive Committee met at the School Room was opened with reading the Scriptures, prayer, &c. when Mr. John Hewett offered himself as an applicant for membership with the Church, expressing his convictions of the deep depravity of human nature from his own experiences, and believing it his duty to comply with the ordinances of Gods house, realizing that it is through the merits of Christ alone that he must be saved if saved at all. Upon which the Church agreed unanimously to recommend him to the Church for reception to Baptism. The Committee further recommended the appointment of A protracted meeting submitting the arrangements and time for its being held to the discretion of the Pastor. The Committee adjourned to meet tomorrow evening at this Room - by Praise and Benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

March 26th 1848

The Colored Conference met this evening and opened with prayer &c. When Alfred Blanks was rec^{d} for Baptism on A. profession of repentence for Sin and faith in Christ. The Conference closed with prayer &c.

Signed D. Cashwell Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
March 27th 1848

The Church met in regular Conference this evening, and after being duly opened for business with the usual solemnities of organization, proceeded to the consideration of the recommendation of the executive committee. All of which were unanimously confirmed and adopted as Church Action. On motion of Bro. C. D. Ellis the Church agreed to observe each Thursday from this time to the contemplated protracted meeting, as a day of fasting and prayer, with the hope

that God of His great mercy may Sanctify means to the revival of religion in the hearts of His professed followers and to the awakening of the unconverted to A sense of their condition. The meeting adjourned After which the executive Committee held A session for the purpose of transacting business connected with the financial interest of the Church and for the support of the ministry here. The results which were alike gratifying and encouraging.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

May 1st 1848

The Church met in Conference this evening and organized with the usual solemnities of reading, prayers, &c. When Bro. Jonathan Wood & Nancy Patterson were received by letter to membership in this Church. Sisters Lavinia Fowler and Elizabeth Garrison sent A petition for dismissal, which - the petitioners being absent - was laid on the Table, subject to future consideration and action. Rev. Enoch Farrow and wife Caroline Farrow were receivedby letter. Adjourned.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
May 29th 1848

The executive committee met at the School Room this evening and organized in the usual way for the transacting of business. Bro. Calvin Wright applied for membership in the Church by letter. He was received. Brethren French & Mitchell were appointed A Committee to investigate A report respecting the misconduct of Sister Gordon, and to report at meeting to be held at Church next Thursday evening.

Adjourned.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
June 1st 1848

The Church met in regular Conference opened and duly organized. Bro. Calvin Wright was received by letter. Brethren Mitchell, French & Peterson appointed a committee to wait on Sisters Garrison & Fowler and inform them of the views of the Church in reference to their misconduct. Sister Stokley was restored to the full fellowship of the Church. Letters was granted Sam. B. Thain, Needham Stanaland & Alice Thain to form A new Church on the Sound.

Meeting closed.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
June 25th 1848

The colored part of the Church met in regular Conference, this afternoon, and opened with reading the Scriptures and prayer. And no particular business being presented for the action of the meeting it closed.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
June 26th 1848

The executive Committee met this afternoon at 2 o'clock and was organized with the usual solemnities of reading the Scripture and prayer by the Moderator Rev. McDaniel. When on motion of Bro. C. D. Ellis the committee agreed to recommend that the Church authorize her Treasurer to pay a bill of 20$ for the printing of pamphlets. The committee deems it expedient that A Formal resolution of this Church designed to present a more equitable system of raising means for the support of the Gospel here - be revised. Nothing further being presented for consideration the Committee adjourned with prayer and the benediction.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
June 26th 1848

The Church met this evening in regular Conference and was duly opened by reading, prayer & praise. The Church authorized her Treasurer to pay Mr. Lorings 20$ for printing a pamphlet in the vindication of the action of this body in reference to charges made publicly by Mr. Repiton. The recommendation of the Committee in reference to revising A resolution for the support of the Gospel was unanimously sanctioned as a Church action. Letters of dismission were presented by brethren Doct. D. DuPre and Cornelia DuPre who were unanimously received to the full fellowship and privileges of the Church. Bro. McDaniel stated to the Conference that he assisted in the formation of A New Church at the Sound and that it was organized under very favorable auspices, there being great religious interest felt and manifested among them. The Committee on the cases of Sisters Garrison and Fowler reported and they being present and manifested A strong disinclination to remain with us in harmony, on motion of Bro. French, were expelled from the membership of the Church. No further business the conference adjourned.

(Signed) D. Cashwell, Clk.

Wilmington, N. C.
July 17th 1848

At a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the church duly organized for the transaction of business, Bro. James McDaniel, G. R. French and D. Cashwell were chosen as delegates to the approaching association to be held in Sampson County on Friday preceeding first Sabbath in October next. Brethren J. D. Smaw, John Hewlett & Doct. DuPre alternates. Bro. McDaniel was selected to write the Church letter. The Committee recommended that the Church authorize her Pastor to inform the board of the Southern Baptist Publication Society of the Schismatic conduct of her agent Doct Baker, during his visit to Wilmington last week, in manifestly avoiding any intercourse with members of the Church and in sustaining Mr. Repeton and his faction in their disorder by preaching for them repeatedly, and that until said Society change her agent or until he shall manifest in a suitable manner , consistency of conduct in the station he fills, this Church must withdraw her support and cooperation from the Society. The Committee adjourned.

(Sugned) D. Cashwell, Clk.

END of Minutes in Book
Dec. 1836 to July 1848.

MEMBERSHIP ROLL

1846

Male Members

Rev.Jas. McDaniel 1844
Charles D. Ellis
B. F. Mitchell
George R. French
Jas. J. Bryan
Isham Peterson
John Hewlett
E. Peterson
Rev. A. J. Battle - dismissed
Jas. Stokley
N. E. Brickhouse
William Cooke - dismissed
H. M. Bishop
Alvord Ellis
Thomas Capps
Samuel B. Thain
Alexander Guion - Dead
Richard Simpson
Daniel Booth - gone away

Cyrus E. Stow - dismissed
Samuel B. Burt
Luther Wright - dismissed
Alex Hewlett
David Cashwell
John Farrow
John Barnes
Jas. F. Howard
Barnabas Stuart
John Farrow - Sound
Chas. Batton
Bro. Pugh
Bro. Thompson
Bro. Jno. D. Smaw

L. D. Cherry - by letter
30th Nov. 1846

FEMALE MEMBERS

Mary Lewis - dead
Nancy Stow
Martha Meeks
Serena Hewlett
Elizabeth Browning - dead
Sophia Capps
Basheba Ellis
Sarah E. French
Ann Bryan - dead
Elcy Weeden
Mary Spooner - out
Nancy Valor
Margaret Battle - dismissed
Ritty Dicksey
Rebecca Marine
Mrs. Elizabeth Savage
Elizabeth Costin (Woodard)
Eliza Parker
Elcy Costin - excluded
Mrs. Jennet Collins
Mrs. Clenny Ketcham
Sarah Capps
Mary Ginn
Susan Wallace - dismissed
Mary Springs

Mrs. Mary Gerrard
Rachel Tillinghast
Ellen Curtis
Mary Ann Burnett
Matilda Farrow
Elizabeth Thally - out
Harriet Hambleton
Charlotte Parker
Margaret Rich
Elizabeth - dead
Mary Morris
Matilda Bryan
Sarah Mitchell
Emma Peterson
Mildred Larkins
Mary Moore
Elizabeth Garrison
Dicy Cannon
Mildred Stokley
Nancy Stokley
Margaret Sadbury - excluded
Mrs. Lavinia Fowler
Elizabeth Burriss
Margaret Burriss
Eliza Price

Female members continued

Susan Harrington
Mrs. Hannah Ginn
Eliza Howlett
Ann Judson Battle - dismissed
Alice Thain
Rhoda Halsey - excluded
Mrs. Vallor
Mrs. Ann P. Nichols
Patsy Batton
Sarah Conor
Mary Piner
Margaret Piner
Elizabeth Crocker
Susanna Eastin
Sarah Ann Larkins - dismissed
Sarah Ann Canaday
Ann Sintas
Sister Thompson
Margaret Ann Parker - 26 Oct. 1846
Rebecca Winborn
Sarah Cannon
Mary Cox - dead
Mrs. Gilbirt
Eliza McDaniel
Martha W. Simpson
Susan Thain
Rebecca Whitledge
Phoebe Silas - out
Margaret Gordon
Martha Weeks
Mrs. Talitha Barnes
Fanny Ellis
Rebecca Beasley
Caroline McKay
Sister Bonnie
Sister Farrow
Sister Smaw

Names of Members Received into this
Church since 1st Jany/ 1845

By Baptism

Ann Judson Battle
Mrs. Gilbert

By Letter &c

A. J. Battle
Jas. McDaniel
Eliza McDaniel

Names of Members Excluded since
1st Jany. 1845

Mary King
Camilla Russ
Ann Russ
F. W. Savage
Eliza Savage
Susan Herndon
Elsey Pretlow
Susan Smith
Mary Cox - restored
Jonathan Ketcham
Dicy A. Lanier
Mildred Larkins - Restored
Thos. Stokley
Tabithy Stokley
Rebecca Milton
Eliza Barker - excluded
Thos Spooner
Elizabeth Milton
Stanton Spooner
Lewis Hines
Mary Ann Hines

BYLAWS OF THE WILMINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH - 1848

(Note: Presumably this is the first revision as called for in the Minutes.)

1 .. There shall be a Conference Meeting on Monday evening preceding the first Lords day in each month and oftener if need be.

2 .. The members of the Church shall (as far as practicable) punctually attend the Conference meetings.

3 .. The Conference shall have power to receive, deal with, and when absolutely necessary to exclude members, to send help to or receive help from, sister Churches when circumstances require.

4 .. The Conference, in order to be duly authorized, must have in attendance, not less than 7 male members including two officers of the Church.

5 .. The Pastor, when present at a Conference meeting and able, shall be the recognized Moderator. In his absence, one of the members shall preside, he being nominated to the chair, by a member of the Conference and that nomination being seconded, and sustained by a vote .. of those present and a Clerk shall be annually chosen, who shall keep a correct register of the proceedings of each Conference.

6 .. Each Conference shall be opened with singing, reading a portion of the Holy scriptures, and prayer by the moderator, or some one on whom he may impose the duty.

7 .. The Conference being duly organized, the moderator shall present an invitation to visiting brethren to a seat. Who shall have the privilege of speaking to any subject before the Conference, but not to vote.

8 .. The Covenant and bylaws shalll be read at the instance of the moderator.

9 .. The names of the members shall be called and absences noted.

10 . The Committee of Vigillance Shall report, which report shall be presented by the Chairman of said Committee in writing, and read by the Clerk. They shall report all public transgressions but not those of a private nature, Except a settlement of the difficulty cannot be effected; and they shall in no case report a matter, without first having investigated.

11 . Each member of the Church shall consider him or her self in duty bound to inform the Committee of Vigillance of transgressions known or heard by them to exist on sufficient authority.

12 .. The minutes of the preceeding Conference shall be read, and any business of said Conference finished shall receive attention.

13 .. The door for the reception of members shall be opened, and remain open during the session. No applicant shall be received into the Church, without the unanimous consent of those present, except that it be ascertained that the objection, "if such there be," is not properly founded. And no slave or bond servant shall be received without a written permission from those having authority over the applicant. And an applicant destitute of a letter of dismission, having lost it being unable from peculiar circumstances to obtain one, may be received at the option of the Conference.

14 .. Any member of the Conference wishing to make a motion, or a suggestion or to submit a remark to the attention of the Conference, shall rise from his seat and address the moderator by the Christian appelation of Brother and on receiving his sanction, shall proceed directing his speach to the moderator, and avoiding with all carefullness, everything calculated to exhibit irritation, apparent unkindness, captiousness, censoriousness, anger, bitterness, pomposity, and levity, thus evincing a consciousness "that thou God trust me."

15 .. Only one shall speak at the same time, and he shall not be interrupted except by the Moderator; nor shall any one speak more than twice to the same subject " except to Explain" without permission from the Moderator.

16 .. The Moderator shall state the subject submitted to the Conference, shall take the vote in reference to it, and when there is an equality in the vote on both sides, he shall give the decision vote.

17 .. The vote of the majority shall be deemed decisive, to which the minority shall feel to submit, in a Christian manner; except the vote of the majority be calculated to seriously impede the cause of righteousness and the prosperity of the Church, in such a case the minority shall have the privilege of appeal to a called presbytery from sister Churches, consisting of not less than three ministers of the gospel of good standing and of reputed competency to sit in judgement on such cases.

18 .. No motion not receiving a second shall claim the attention of the Conference. And no business shall be admitted, Except consistent with the Constitution of the Church. Any motion before being put to the Conference may be withdrawn at option of the mover.

19 .. There shall be no whispering, no walking about, and no gestures on the part of members calculated betray inattention, or disrespect.

20 .. There shall be a Treasurer who shall be annually chosen, and shall receive and disburse the funds of the Church committed to him, at the order of the Conference. A report shall be made by him at each quarterly Conference.

21 .. The expulsion of a member shall be announced by the Pastor from the pulpit accompanied with the following quotations from the Holy Scriptures, "Now we command you, brethren in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that you withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly," 2 Thessalonians, 3 ch. 6 vr. "Verily I say unto you, whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven," Matt. 18 Ch. 18 vr.

22 .. The Moderator shall see there be a strict conformity to these Laws, and if in the discharge of this duty a brother be called to order, such an one shall take it in kindness having the privilege of appeal to the Conference." And the Church shall sustain the moderator in doing so if correct.

23 .. These Laws may be amended at any time when the Church may deem it necessary.

24 .. Each Conference shall be closed with prayer and the benediction.

Written in pencil on the inside cover of this book later date, from facts found in these minutes:

Church organized April 13, 1833
127 Charter members

PASTORS
1. A. J. Battle ... Feb. 6, 1843.
2. A. P. Repiton ... Oct. 26, 1843 to Oct. 1, 1844.
3. Jas. M. McDaniel ... 1851. [illegible]
4. W. H. Jordan ... Aug. 1852 to Sept. 1855.
5. J. L. Pritchard ... Jan. 1856 to Dec. 1862 ..death.
6. W. M. Young ... July 1864 to Oct. 1867.
7. H. Hiden ... Oct. 4, 1868
(Church Dedicated May 1, 1870.)
Dr. E. T. Winkler of Charleston, S. C. (Citadel Square Church) preached the morning sermon and Dr. Thos H. Pritchard of Raleigh, N. C. preached at night.
House begun in 1860. Land at 5th and Market purchased Jan. 1858.
J. W. C.

(NOTE: This does not include the earliest Baptist congregation in Wilmington, but seems to have been a second organization.)
(See page one. The organizational meeting takes place in the Baptist meeting house, which shows earlier work or there would not be a Baptist meeting house prior to an organized Baptist body.)

Case of REV. A. PAUL REPITON
(Written in pencil and very dim.) 4 . une

Prayer by Bro. Fuller.

QUESTION to Bro. I. Peterson: Do you not know that at the time I was the only Pastor elected by the Church?

ANSWER: I did. But added"I did not understand the question, that with bro Repiton as chairman, a committee was appointed to supply the pulpit for the next year and that Rev. Repiton had declined the call.

QUESTION: Was it not requested that all present not members of the Church should withdraw, as they were going to attend to private business?

ANSWER: The Conference did make such a request.

QUESTION: At the close of the Conference did not the Moderator request the members to observe secrecy?

Bro. E. Peterson same testimony.
Bro. W. Cooke testimony as to secrecy certified.
D. Cashwell as to secrecy...same.

QUESTION: If the Moderator did not ask all to retire who was not members & did not ask the members to keep secrecy?

ANSWER: Do not recollect as to the first, but said secrecy was enjoyned.

QUESTION: Did he not request that those proceedings be kept from the Pastor's ears?

ANSWER: I do not recollect.

QUESTION: Was not secrecy enjoyned?

ANSWER: I do not recollect.

G. R. FRENCH confirming all Bros. Peterson & Cashwell testimony.

QUESTION: Was there anything said or done at that Conference intended to injure Repitons Standing?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: Did you not say that nothing should be said that it might not hurt R. feelings?

ANSWER: I do not think I did.

QUESTION by Russ: Was there not something said to injure Bro. Repitons standing?

ANSWER: I did not think there was. I would not have permitted it.

QUESTION to G. R. French: Do you think that the Pastor, or members, know the character of that meeting?

ANSWER: I do not know that either did. (The Pastor gave notice of the meeting.)

QUESTION by Repiton: Did I not say at appointing it that it was at the request of an Officer?

ANSWER: I do not recollect.

QUESTION: Did I announce that that was to be one of the objects? (The calling of a Pastor.)

ANSWER: I do not recollect.

QUESTION: When the subject of calling a Pastor was brought up, was it not said by one to be premature?

ANSWER: I do not recollect.

QUESTION: Same questions were asked brother P. and brother Cashwell, all same?

ANSWER: Bro. Cashwell said before that night Bro. P. did say it was time they should call a minister for ensuing year. Bro. I. Peterson did say some one said there was time enough yet & so did E. Peterson and Cashwell.

QUESTION: Was it not enjoyned that it must be done then as the brethren soon leave for the Sound?

ANSWER: I. Peterson(said) I do not recollect. E. Peterson said it was so. D. Cashwell said it was so & that it was urged that as the brethren would soon go to the Sound, it was best to attend to it then. Brother French confirmed same & said that it was due to Bro. Repiton that he should know whether he should stay with them.

QUESTION: Was not the proceedings requested by the moderator that they should reach his ears?

ANSWER: I do not think it was.

Bro. Repiton Testimony to Refute charge & to Prove what he did say.

A member said it was secrecy, certified (Lewis Hines).

QUESTION: Who was it told you the meeting was to be held?

ANSWER: Bro. James Stokley and H. M. Bishop.

QUESTION: Who was it told you the meeting was to be a secret one?

ANSWER: Bro. French told me at the close of the meeting.(Go and see).

QUESTION: Did not the Moderator request the meeting to keep it from Bro. R. ears?

ANSWER: He did.
(I object to testimony for a discrepancy.)

QUESTION..Bro. G. R. French: Did I or not assign a reason why I enjoyned a secrecy?

ANSWER: I do not recollect.

QUESTION by Bro. R.: Did I not read the certificate when you signed it?

ANSWER: Yes.

QUESTION: J. Ketcham, was you at the meeting?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: Who told you it was a secret meeting?

ANSWER: I do not know...Hear say. Sister Thally certificate (hear say).

QUESTION: S. Spooner, did not the Moderator suggest to members to withdraw?

ANSWER: He did.

QUESTION: Did the Moderator request the meeting to keep it from his ears?

ANSWER: He did.

QUESTION: Was you at the meeting, at close.... ?

ANSWER: I was not.

QUESTION by Bro. French: Was it not announced from the Pulpit?

ANSWER: It was.

QUESTION: Did you not hear reasons assigned for requesting secrecy?

ANSWER: I did but do not recollect words.

QUESTION:(by bro.French) Did you not hear that I said that Bro.Repiton heard our Conference proceedings to be talked in bar rooms & therefore should be kept to themselves?

ANSWER: We should be like Masons.

QUESTION: C. Russ (witness) Answer: Company requested to return. Said subject of electing Pastor was brot up & that the Pastor was told to stay away.

QUESTION: Did I say from the Pulpit that it was a secret?

ANSWER: No.

QUESTION: Was not the remark I made that an attempt was made to elect a Pastor over my head?

ANSWER: I do not recollect "over head."

QUESTION: At that time, 10 October, Was I not the only Pastor elected by the Church?

ANSWER: Yes. (Owen Fennell Certificate.)

QUESTION by F.: Did you not say that Bro. Repiton told you before the meeting that he was going to make remarks and that he, Russ, advised him not to do so, and that after his sermon, Russ said at Conference that he was sorry he had made them?

QUESTION by R. to all witnesses: Did you not hear me say that secrecy was enjoined on the meeting?

ANSWER: We did.

TESTIMONY of Mildred Larkins
Samuel B. Burt

QUESTION by French: Were all members whose certificates are now given present at the close of sermon?

ANSWER: They were.

2 Item
Capt. Cooke certificate...
E. Peterson certificate ...
D. Cashwell certificate ...
2 certificates besides that of J. T. Russ, remembers distinctly that the first certificate was presented by Bro. R. & then were another.

3 Item
Bro. Ellis testifies on certificate.
Bro. E. Peterson testified that Bro. Repiton asked many questions, all answer except (who the officers voted for). Said that he, E. P., never did tell him that the Church held secret meetings, that they did not confer on that subject.

Item 4

Certificate of brethren....
Bro. I Peterson said Bro. Repiton stated at close of his labours that he was ready & willing to serve that part of the Church who desired his services, at any time & place if they will let him know it or know when.

J. Ketcham, witness: stating that 2 members were at Bro. R. meetings. We did not know that Bro. R. had said what he did about meetings.

Item 5
Col. McRae's letter and W. Cooke certificates.
C. D. Ellis sustained McRee's letter.

QUESTION by R. of Mr. French: Did you not call out McRae to know who informed or reported that bro. McDaniel was fond of strife?

ANSWER: I called on A. McRae to inquire of this & was called away by some one.

END of Questions & Answers.

END of records and Minutes found in Book A, and in Book of January 1845 to January, 1847.

P A R T T W O

H I S T O R I C A L I T E M S

(Miscellaneous Collection)

SOURCES:

Quotations from writings of
the Rev. J. Marcus Kester

News from Wilmington newspapers

Deeds from New Hanover Courthouse

Wilmington Directory items

O R G A N I Z A T I O N

"According to the authentic records of the Cape Fear Association, the church was organized sometime previous to October 1, 1808. On that date the Association meeting in Moore's Creek Church has this notation: 'Received a newly constituted church in fellowship from Wilmington by letter and delegates.' The delegates were John Larkins and Peter Smyth, a licensed preacher. The church reported twenty members and contributed to the work of the Association ten shillings, English money.

"The following year, 1809, Reuben Everitt and P. Smyth were the delegates and they reported twenty members and gave $1.50 to the work. The records of the Cape Fear Association show that the church was represented almost every year until 1826 when the Association was divided and the Wilmington church became a member of the new Association. The church was growing from year to year. In 1826 the report showed forty-five members.

"Unfortunately we have no records in the church itself for this period. We know nothing as to its buildings, struggles, revivals, etc. Neither do we know definitely as to its pastors except as reflected in the minutes of the Cape Fear Association. Since Rev. Jonathan Bryan, an ordained minister, was a delegate to the Association two years in succession, 1824 and 1825, it may be inferred that he was the pastor.

"Evidently the church had a set-back after it became a member of the new Association in 1827; for we do not have a report for that year or the next, and in 1829 the report showed only thirty-four members, a loss of eleven members since 1826. The delegates in 1829 were J. King

and Morris Parker. The church grew rather rapidly for the next few years, reporting fifty-three members in 1831, sixty-three in 1832, and eighty-nine in 1833.

"The delegates to the Goshen Association in 1833 were Elder J. C. Grigg, the pastor, and Dennis Collins and H. Costin. The pastor also represented the church at the meeting of the Baptist State Convention that year. He was made chairman of the committee on Sabbath Schools and made a splendid report. Most likely the church had a Sunday school at that time. The church sent ten dollars to the State Convention to be used for Home and Foreign Missions and Education.

"This brings us into the year of the re-organization of the church and so into the second period of its history.

"For some reason which we do not know, the church organized itself anew on April 13, 1833. Until recently when the Cape Fear Association minutes showed differently this date was taken as the time of the founding of the church. We have a record of this new organization. It reads: "We whose names are hereunto subscribed being assembled in the Baptist Meeting House in the Town of Wilmington, N. C....do hereby on this the thirteenth of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three most solemnly agree among ourselves to become a regular independent constituted Church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.' The fact that a Baptist Meeting House already existed shows that a church had previously existed. Just why it was thought necessary to reorganize we do not know.....According to Dr. G. W. Paschal, author of the

'History of North Carolina Baptists,' many churches about this time did reorganize themselves.

"The names of the charter members of the new organization and also the minutes of the church for three years are torn from the minute book. From the records of the Baptist State Convention we learn that Rev. A. W. Chambliss, the pastor, and the Rev. W. J. Findlay, an agent of the Baptist State Convention in this section, represented the church in the Convention in 1835. The pastor was made a member of the committee on periodicals and was chairman of the committee on temperance. The church sent ten dollars to the work of missions and education and Rev. Mr. Findlay made a personal contribution of sixteen dollars to the same causes.

"The first church conference record is that which was held on December 31, 1836...At that time a 'Sister Ward' was received from the Baptist Church of Oliver Street, New York, and a committee consisting of Brethren French, Costin, Sholar, Bryan, Thally and Hewlett, was appointed 'to ascertain the possible cost of repairing the meeting house.'

(The above history is taken from: "Historical Sketch of the First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C., 1808-1933," by J. Marcus Kester, Pastor. 125th Anniversary Edition.)

MAP OF WILMINGTON by T. E. Hyde, August, 1826, shows the Baptist Church on Lot No. 97 (now No.2) on South Front Street. It is the second lot south of the corner of Front and Ann Streets, on the east side of the street. The house shown on the map has two entrance doors in front. Two windows are on the second floor level, with an oval topped window in the center between the two windows. Above the two oblong windows with square tops are two half-oval shaped windows. The steps leading to the entrance doors reach the entire length of the front of the building. This building is still standing. It has been converted into a dwelling house and is the property of J. N. Bryant. The house sits back from the street on a hill and this area has long been called BAPTIST HILL.

COLONIAL RECORDS of NORTH CAROLINA by Saunders, VOL.V, records the following information:
page 1178
CAPE FEAR ASSOCIATION was formed from Neuse in 1805.
page 1163
In 1812 there were about 200 Baptist Churches in North Carolina and 13,000 members.
page 1179
GOSHEN ASSOCIATION was formed by a Colony from Cape Fear in 1827.
In 1842 Wilmington Church was the largest body in the Cape Fear Association with 177 members.

THE WILMINGTON DAILY HERALD, published February 15, 1861, VOL. VII, No. 239. Front page, Col. 4.
DIRECTORY (of Wilmington)
CHURCHES
Baptist - Front St., between Ann and Nun, Rev. J. L. Prichard, Pastor.
Baptist - Corner Orange and 6th Streets, Rev. A. Paul Repiton, Pastor.
Baptist - (now building) corner Market and 5th Streets, Rev. J. L. Prichard, Pastor.

Branson's NORTH CAROLINA BUSINESS DIRECTORY for 1869.
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CHURCHES and PASTORS in Wilmington

First Baptist Church (in course of construction) Market and Fifth Streets. Congregation - City Hall, Rev. J. C. Hiden, Pastor..Baptist.
Church, Castle and Fifth Streets.....Primitive Baptist.
Masonboro, Paul Repiton, Pastor .....Primitive Baptist.
First Church, Campbell & Fifth, M. M. Johnson (Col)...Baptist.
Second Church, Eleventh between Orange and Ann Streets, W. H. Banks (Col) Pastor.....Baptist.
St. Thomas, Dock between 2nd & 3rd,Mark S. Gross.....Catholic.
St. Pauls, Orange and Fourth, Dan'l Morrell,(Col).....Episcopal.
St. Barnabas, Harnett & Fifth Streets, vacant (Col)...Episcopal.
St. James, Market & Third, Rev. A. A. Watson; Asst. Rev. George Patterson.....Episcopal.
St. Johns, Red Cross & 3rd Streets, R. E. Terry.....Episcopal.
St. Pauls, Market between 6th & 7th, vacant.....Lutheran.

Branson's DIRECTORY, continued

Red Cross & Campbell Streets, D. P. Leaton (Col),,,.A. E. Methodist.
Church & Seventh Streets Ellis Lavener (Col).....Z. E. Methodist.
Front and Walnut Streets, J. H. Dally ..... Methodist.
Seaman's Bethel, Dock between Front & Water,J. W. Andrews..Free.
Orange & Third Streets, W. L. Singletary.....Presbyterian.
Chapel, Chestnut Street, between 7th & 8th, W.T.Carr (COL)
.....Presbyterian.
Wooster, between 5th and 6th Streets..... Presbyterian.

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THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL, September 15, 1864.

R E L I G I O U S N O T I C E

The Church and Congregation which have heretofore worshipped at the Front Street Baptist church, will hereafter worship at the City Hall, commencing next Sabbath (14th instant) at 10½ o'clock, A. M. There will also be services at 8 o'clock P. M.

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THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL, 23 April, 1864.

PASTORAL CALL -The Baptist Church at Wilmington, N. C., has extended an unanimous call to the Rev. Wm. M. Young, now of Petersburg, Va. and a refugee from Williamsburg, Va. Mr. Young, we hear has not determined whether he will or will not accept the call. The church in Wilmington may consider itself fortunate should Mr. Young return an affirmative answer. There are few men in the denomination more zealous in the great call of religion than he. We should hate to part with him with much regret.

(Copied from) PETERSBURG EXPRESS

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SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
DB. EE, p. 453, New Hanover County courthouse...1844
MILES COSTIN, to Owen Fennell, A. Paul Repiton, Francis W. Savage, Stanton Spooner, Robert B. Wood, Phineas W. Fanning and David Thally for consideration of $5.00...Lot in Wilmington bounded as follows: begin at a stake on N. side of Orange Street 396 ft. east of the Eastern Line of Boundary Street(5th St.), thence along Orange Street ft. Thence N. and parallel with Boundary Street 82½ ft...etc.... upon special Trust and for sole use and benefit of a congregation known as Orange Street Second Baptist Church, as a place of worship ...according to the forms of said Baptist Church and under the direction of the pastor or minister.....
Wit: H. R. Nixon s/ Miles Coston (Seal)
Proved March Court, 1848.

In 1826 when the Hyde Map located the Baptist Church on Lot 97, it was not the property of the Baptist Congregation. At this time the lot was the property of the estate of John Sedgwick Springs, deceased. He acquired it in the division of the estate of his uncle Nehemiah Harriss in 1820. In 1825 John S. Springs died, leaving a wife and small children. No church building was mentioned in the division of the estate, so it seems evident that John S. Springs was responsible for the building of the church on Frnnt Street.(LD:A,p.50, New Hanover Co.)

On 22 February, 1834, John K. McIlheny and Thomas Cowan deeded to the Baptist Church as a Gift Deed, their interest in this lot, without explanation as to what their interest might be.(DB. V,p.202, New Hanover Co.) Later we find them acting for the widow and children of John S. Springs.

On 26 January, 1851, Samuel W. Westbrook and wife Amanda C., Jason Hunt and wife Prudence, William A. Donnell and wife Mary M., and John D. M. Springs, all of Guilford County, deeded to George R. French, Nathan E. Brickhouse, Isham Peterson, James J. Bryan, and Benjamin F. Mitchell, Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, North Carolina...for consideration of $350.00,"one half of a lot on Front Street between Ann Street and Nun Street, numbered in the plan of Wilmington as lot No. 97 in Section B...with a frontage of 66 feet... being the western half of the lot whereon stands the Baptist Church in the town of Wilmington." Evidently these children of John S. Springs now of age, were making the title legal for the church in this deed. The above grantors were children,and their husbands, of John S. Springs and his wife, Mary A. Gasper. Later we find Mary Springs on the membership roll of this same First Baptist Church,(DB. PP, p.160).The Church Minutes show that Mary Springs joined the church during a protracted meeting in April, 1842.

On 1 February, 1858, Thomas Southmayed and John J. Conoly deeded a lot to George R. French, Banjamin F. Mitchell, Charles D. Ellis, Nathan E. Brickhouse, Benjamin Mallett, James Stokley, and William Larkins, Trustees appointed by the Baptist Church for the purpose of purchasing a lot on which to erect a new building. The deed recites that the Baptist Church is now worshiping in the Church building on the East side of Front Street between Ann Street and Nun Street, and they appointed the Trustees to purchase a lot. Southmayed and Conoly sold them a lot on the North side of Market Street, beginning at northwest intersection of Market and Fifth Streets; run west 120 ft. to a lot occupied by John A. Taylor, Esq., as his residence; north 165 feet; East 120 ft.; South 165 ft. to the beginning.(DB. PP, p. 328,New Hanover County). This is the lot on which stands the present FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH. And this is the beginning of another part of the history of the First Baptist Church.

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